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Rate Cut? Greenspan Won't Say No-or Yes

'More Insurance' May Be Needed to Spur a Recovery

By Lawrence Malkin

NEW YORK - The chairman of the Federal Reserve Board told Congress on Tuesday that the cen-tral bank was evaluating whether to further cut interest rates to stimulate the lagging U.S. economy. Chairman Alan Greenspan said

the Fed found it "extraordinarily difficult" to assess the outlook for the economy, but was "continuing to evaluate whether some additional insurance in the way of further monetary ease would be appropri-

Mr. Greenspan's remarks lifted the stock and bond markets, although they were carefully phrased so as not to commit him on interest rate policy. Mr. Greenspan had been put in the difficult position of being called before the House Bud-get Committee on the day the Fed-eral Open Market Committee, the Fed's policy-making body, held its regular secret unceting to consider rate policy. Under questioning, he specifically refused to anticipate the committee's decisions.

Mr. Greenspan pointed out that the Federal Reserve, from the time it announced its aggressive easing of monetary policy in December, had expected the lower interest rates to stimulate the economy.

"We expect that the amount of monetary ease in the pipeline is adequate to turn the economy onto the path of sustained recovery," he added, in what amounted to a paraphrase of the Fed's December statement. Then be remarked about the difficulty of forecasting the economy because of uncertain-ties about jobs and the resulting collapse of consumer confidence.

Concluding that Fed policy would remain on hold, William Sullivan of Dean Witter Reynolds said of Mr. Greenspan, "He sounds

Late in the day Treasury bonds point for no coherent reason. The market moved, said Kevin Flanagan of Dean Witter, because "it is so sensitive to anything."

The gains spilled over into the stock market, and the Dow Jones industrial average closed nearly 40 points higher. (Page 10)

Private economists concluded that Mr. Greenspan had used his congressional appearance to expand on comments last week that had caused a big sell-off in stock and bond markets as worried investors believed Mr. Greenspan was slamming the door shut to further

easing moves. "He is trying to repair the damage," Bruce Steinberg, senior economist at Merrill Lynch, was quoted as saying by The Associated Press. "He basically said, 'We think we did enough But, if we didn't, we will do more."

Mr. Greenspan was among a number of U.S. officials who testified before Congress on the opening day of hearings on President George Bush's budget and tax pro-

Michael J. Boskin, the president's chief economic adviser, urged the House Ways and Means Committee to give quick approval to the president's proposals because they would make recovery "faster and more certain."

But he said low inflation also left room for the Fed "to keep interest rates low — or cut them further if necessary." He was joined by Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady, who said the Fed's lower rates would add up to almost \$50 billion in savings to Americans.

Representative Dan Rostenkowski, the Illinois Democrat who is Ways and Means chairman, said he would consider only one tax bill and not a mass of proposed Congressional giveaways because "that could start us on the way to another 1981 bidding war," which set up the economy for huge deficits. That, he said, was now "the last thing we need."



FACE OF TRAGEDY - A Vietnamese being relocated by police truck out of a Hong Kong refugee camp in which 21 people were killed by arson. The police say

southern Vietnamese attacked northerners. About 2,500 are to be moved to prevent a recurrence of the riot, which police broke up with tear gas. Page 2.

Russia Says It Has Too Many Warheads to Cope

By Fred Hiatt

MOSCOW — The chief of Russia's ouclear weapons industry, describing Soviet stockpiles as so "ecormous" that warheads are "sticking out of warehouse windows," said Tuesday that his country would need U.S. funds if it was to reduce its arsenal within 10 years to levels proposed by President Boris N. Yeltsin.

Viktor Mikhailov, deputy minister for nuclear power, said in an interview that without Western assistance Russia would need five to seven years to construct warehouses to store plutonium extracted from warheads, and that only then could it begin the disarmament process.

"We're not begging for money, but it's a question of mutual interest," said Mr. Mikhailov, a theoretical physicist who became a bureaucrat after spending much of his career in the Soviet Union's top weapons design laboratory, Arza-

Russia puts its stock of basic foods at 19 days. Page 2.

nas-16. "It concerns the security of the United States, too." Mr. Yeltsin, in his first major arms control initiative as Russian president in a post-Soviet world, proposed that the arsenals of both the United States and the former Soviet Union be reduced to 2,500 warheads. President George Bush proposed that both sides retain 4,500 warheads.

The Soviet arsenal is commonly estimated at 27,000 war-heads, but Mr. Mikhailov said Tuesday that this was "the lowest estimate." He declined to be more specific, but said

that the estimate was accurate "within 15 to 20 percent." Nuclear weapons are located in at least four former Soviet

republics - Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan. Asked whether they are currently well-protected, Mr. Mikhailov said, "Of course I think so, but there is never a full guarantee." Pointing upward in his ministry office, he added, "We are not guaranteed against this roof falling on our

After years of playing down the threat posed by their See ARMS, Page 4

units crushed an uprising Tuesday Mr. Pérez was whisked out of the by rebel troops who came close to building. The motives for the coup at-

seizing President Carlos Andres Perez and overthrowing one of Lat-in America's oldest democracies. Police sources said there had tempt were unclear, but it followed violent protests and labor unrest been about 300 dead or wounded in the fighting, but the report could not be immediately confirmed. The

arising from a growing disparity between rich and poor in Venezue-The government of this oil-rich nation, a member of the Organizanon of Petroleum Exporting Coun-

soldier who managed to get close to the antechamber ended his life

tries, has acknowledged that only 57 percent of Venezuelans are able By Tuesday afternoon, Defense Minister Fernando Ochoa Antich said that loyal troops had "com-pletely suffocated" the rebels, who to afford more than one meal a day. Following the attack, the governcarlier abducted a state governor ment banned public demonstraand staged attacks in the western tions, broadened police arrest powcides of Maracay, Valencia and ers and suspended some Maracaibo as well as an assault on the presidential palace in Caracas. Mr. Ochoa said that four leaders constitutional civil-rights guarantees for at least 10 days.
The United States, Mexico, Bra-

of a rebel paratroop regiment were zil. Cuba, the Organization of among those arrested, including American States and the European Lieutenant Colonel Hugo Chavez, Community condemned the coup who in a television address urged attempt in Venezuela, the country fellow fighters to surrender "before more blood is shed." that has enjoyed the second longest continuous democracy in South America after Colombia.

Colonel Chavez said that the rebellion had been successful in several cities, "but regrettably we failed in Caracas."

"I am asking you now to surren-der," he said. "There's oothing else we can do for the time being." An official said that Mr. Pérez

had been at La Casona, the presidential residence, when the rebels launched their attack. Loyalists rushed him to the apparent safety of the Miraflores presidential pal-

The insurgents then turned on Miraflores in another attempt to seize the president, smashing down the gates and entering the palace, said the official, who requested an-The rebel soldiers forced their

way into the palace and were within a few rooms of Mr. Perez. We were facing them while we were trying to get the president out," the official said. "The only

Just outside the presidential pal-ace Tuesday afternoon, bloodstains were evident on the sidewalk. Bullet holes had gouged pockets in the outer walls of the palace, while inside, shell casings were scattered throughoot the hallways and bullet boles riddled a large anoque mirror See COUP, Page 4

President George Bush, a strong ally of Mr. Pérez, called the at-

tempted overthrow an "outra-

Before the outcome was certain,

Mr. Bush telephoned the Venezue-

lan leader to offer his support. The

two presidents took office about

the same time three years ago.
As the fighting raged Tuesday,

residents of some areas of Caracas

were caught in the cross fire of

automatic weapons and mortars. It

was oot known whether any civil-

ians were hurt.

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Asterisk to Big-Bash Theory



Kiichi Miyazawa in parliament on Tuesday.

Miyazawa, Remorseful, Says He Meant No Insult

The Associated Press

TOKYO - Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa offered Americans an apology of sorts on Tuesday, saying he meant no offense by saying that the United States was losing its work ethic.

"I did oot intend to criticize U.S. workers at

all," Mr. Miyazawa told a nationally televised session of parliament. On Monday he told legislators that the bebef in "producing things and creating value has 'loosened' too much in the past 10 years or so" in the United States. The comment was the latest public criocism of U.S. economic practices by Japan's govern-

ing elite. The recent statements have incited a

wave of Japan-bashing in the United States.

Mr. Miyazawa's comments on Monday were prompted by a question from a fellow conserva-tive lawmaker. Kabum Muto, a former trade minister. In posing his question about the U.S. economic situation, Mr. Muto complained that American workers were too preoccupied on Fridays and Mondays with their weekends to put in a good day's work.

Japan Has Solid Support In American Northwest

By Timothy Egan

New York Times Service
SEATTLE — When U.S. automobile workers were seen oo television last mouth bashing in the hood of a Japanese car, Ron Thomberry, a fongshoreman on Puget Sound, did oot like what he

As a dock worker at a port where the Japanese are the No. 1 customer, Mr. Thornberry fears that one internacional insult too many could escalate into a lost job for him and his union colleagues. And when Japanese investors came forth two weeks ago with an offer to buy the Seattle Mariners as a way to keep the baseball team from leaving

town, they were hailed in Seartle as civic heroes.

As a delegation led by Governor Booth Gardner got set to plead its case with Fay Vincent, the baseball commissioner, Tuesday in New York, the fear was that the deal would be a casualty of the

latest round of trans-Pacific insults. In the last month, the Pacific Northwest has had an outpouring of support for Japan unmatched in modern times. When one part of the United States

bashes Japan, this part winces. The reaction may have more to do with economic self-interest than with international harmony. From Boeing airplanes made in Seattle and purchased in Japan, to wheat grown in this state and sold for soup occdles throughout Asia, to wood that goes from the wet forests of the Cascades to homes in Tokyo, the region has linked its

economic destiny to nations of the Pacific.

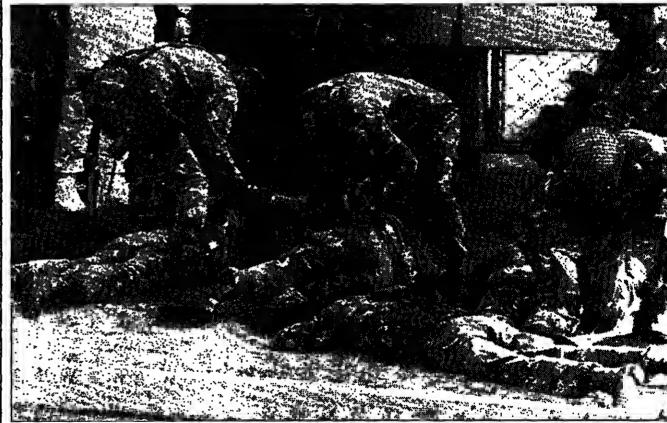
As such, it has largely escaped the lingering national recession, as it and the other nearby states have continued to add jobs during the slump.

While jobs fied to exports grew by less than one-half of I percent nanonwide last year, they expanded by 4 percent in Washington, the nation's

most trade-dependent state per capita. Fiery remarks about Japan's trade policies by Lee lacocca, the Chrysler chairman, seemed to draw a more negative response in Seattle last month than insults against U.S. workers by Japanese leaders.

"The only foreign ownership I'm worried about is Tampa Bay," said Mr. Gardner, referring to the

See PACIFIC, Page 4



Venezuelan soldiers loyal to President Carlos Andrés Pérez searching rebel troops for arms Tuesday in Caracas after the coun failed.

Sinn Fein Toll: 3 Dead, Then a Suicide Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BELFAST - A suspended police officer was suspected of killing three people Tuesday at the offices of Sinn Fein, the political party that supports the Irish Republican Army, the police said. The officer, apparently deranged

after the shooting death of a col-league, was found dead in his car west of Belfast after the attack at the Sinn Fein offices, they said.

Republic, Mary Robinson. She is the first Irish head of state to visit the British-ruled province.

Mrs. Robinson said she was shocked at the killings.

Obviously I am distressed by any death through violence," she said. "It runs counter to what I police.

The latest killings in the Irish conflict coincided with a visit to Belfast by the president of the Irish Officials of Sinn Fein reported

ever, said there may have been only were wounded in the attack. one gunman. Press Association, Britain's na-

donal news agency, said the officer was assigned to the ano-terrorist mobile support unit of the Ulster

The gunman, masquerading as a reporter, talked his way into the heavily fortified Sinn Fein office, that two gunmen opened fire inside opened fire and chased his victims the party's office. The police, how- from room to room. Two others

> He then drove to a lake near Belfast and apparently killed himself with a shotgun.

Detectives confirmed there was a See ULSTER, Page 4

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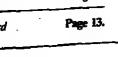
Moscow Restricts Demonstrations

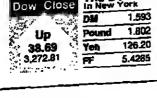
MOSCOW (AP) — The Moscow city authorities on Tuesday announced a ban on Red Square demonstrations except those sponsored by the government and said that they would charge a fee

for rallies that stop traffic, news agencies reported. There were conflicting versions of the ban. The Interfax news agency said that the city had banned all marches and rallies in Moscow, but only for the coming weekend. The Russian Informa-tioo Agency said that the city had banned marches and rallies likely to block traffic or disrupt public order, without specifying a date.

General News

Lech Walesa accused the West of betrayal by 'draining' Polish markets.





When Wall Opened, the Tents Folded on East Bloc Circuses By Marc Fisher

Washington Post Service

HOPPEGARTEN, Germany — By noon, they were three sheets to the wind — the Fat Man, the Boss, the Electrician and Uwe Schwichtenberg, the legendary animal trainer. It was something oo child should ever see.

Officially, this was only the Boss's last day. He and the remaining cast and crew of East Germany's state circus were over at the Truck-Stop Snackshop, filling the table with emptied beer glasses. Loofficially, this was the end of Circus Aeros.

once the East bloc's show of shows, now hardly more

than a subject for tall tales over a round of pilseners.

From Berlio to Bucharest, across the formerly Communist world, the one-ring circuses that were long the envy of Western producers are slowly dying. Freedom is a wonderful thing, but for a circus, there was nothing like a steady state subsidy.

The Treuhandanstalt, the agency created by the reunited Germany to sell off enterprises of the old Communist state, says it is still trying to save the old East German circuses.

In truth, there is no Western investor in sight, even after the Trenhand merged Aeros and the other two East German state shows. The Aeros staff has already gotten the message, and more than 80 percent of them have chosen unemployment benefits over sitting around and waiting for news of a tour that may never start. Twenty-seven loyal men remain.

Each day, Frank Pietsch takes the elephants ont for a constitutional, walking them through their routines and feeding them towering piles of walfle cones, carrots and red peppers.

"The East Germans, Bulgarians, Romanians those countries with their state circus schools had a superb reputation, especially for acrobats and aerialists, and for animal acts such as polar bears," said Greg Parkinson, executive director of the Circus World Museum in Baraboo, Wisconsin. "They're destined to begin a steep decline because

of the loss of those schools." The Trenhand agency says it is still searching for

private investors for the circus.

Hann-Rainer Texdorf, the Boss at Circus Aeros. does not believe a word of it. The circus director said Aeros has received none of the government money the Treuhand had promised. Last week, he said there was so little money left in the circus till that he fired himself

"I'm 57 already," he said. "I've had enough fun." Tears welled in his droopy eyes; he rubbed a thick, rough hand over a face covered with white stubble. We had such good times, in Vilnius and down in Cherson, over in Circassy, all over the Ukraine. The people there, they would line up for hours, they loved us. It's a scandal, what's happening now."

People everywhere love a circus, but somehow the

people of countries struggling under the burdens of communism became particularly attached to the big top. The circuses were marvels, a daob of color and joy in otherwise gray surroundings.

Thanks to an ideal mix of state support and popular respect, Eastern circuses attracted people of enormous talent and effort, "the very kind of people who in the States might be training for the Olympics or dancing on Broadway," Mr. Parkinson said.

When the Berlio Wall opened, the Aeros crew heard about it only through newspaper accounts. "We didn't want it down," Mr. Texdorf said. "We knew it could only be bad for us." The circus pulled in 1.4 million rubles on its last tour in 1990, but by then rubles were useless in Eastern Germany. The shiny new stores would take hard currency only.

Circus Aeros tried raising admission prices, from \$2.75 to \$4.75 on the final tour last summer, but still receipts did oot come close to covering costs.

Finns' Border Lookout Is for Smugglers, Not Soviet Soldiers

By William E. Schmidt New York Times Service

VAALIMAA, Finland - Here on the brittle edge of the old Soviet empire, Finnish frontier guards are keeping an uneasy vigil this winter for another kind of Russian advance: Instead of tanks and troops, they are watching for smugglers, con men and weary refugees, fleeing toward their prosperous Nordic neighbor in search of food and economic advantage.

With the economic situation in Russia in tatters and with fears of possible unrest in areas close to Finland, the Finnish government not only moved last month to increase funds slightly for its Frontier Guard, but also joined the Red Cross and other private relief agencies in sending shipments of milk and critical foods to areas just across the border.

"In the old days, we used the sword to keep them on their side of the border," said Major Risto Uusitalo, the commander of the 150-man Frontier Guard company stationed at this snowswept crossing on the Russian border, 185 kilometers (115 miles) east of Helsinki. "Now it is bread."

So far, such assistance appears to be helping, for there is no evidence that large oumbers of refugees are yet trying to sneak into Finland illegally by dodging patrols along the 1,320-kilometer frontier.

But the number of Russians crossing the frontier legally has more than doubled at some border posts, along with the apprehension of would-be smugglers.

Moreover, the mere specter of economic disloca-tion and civil disorder in Russia has inflamed politi-cal and private discussion in Finland, where the collective mentality - as well as foreign and economic policy -has been shaped over history by Finland's precarious position on the frontier of its much larger

and often bellicose neighbor.

Just as the uncertainties within Russia have increased vigilance along the border and unnerved

Hong Kong Police

Officials Link Arson That Killed 21 To North-South Vietnamese Rivalry

over returning to Vietnam.

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are boused in prison-like condi-

tions in Hong Kong's many camps.
Only about 4,300 of those have

been jodged refugees and are

awaiting resettlement in a third

Problems between northerners

and southerners bave been blamed

for much of the violence in the

camps. One of their problems is political — Communist North Vietnam's troops forced South

with the southern refugees more likely to be ethnic Chinese than

Vietnamese. The southerners have

also been more likely to win refugee

status in Hong Kong, another

source of friction between the two

But the incident also highlights

the crowded and violent conditions

that the refugees must live under

The camps have become havens for racketeers and criminals, with

gangs fighting frequently.

here.

Victnam to surrender in 1975.

Disperse Rioters

By Daniela Deane

riot police moved Tuesday to im-

pose order on the refugee camp

where 21 Vietnamese were burned

to death in the worst violence since

the influx of boat refugees to Hong

Kong began in 1975.
Police fired tear gas to disperse

gangs of Vietnamese at the Sek

Kong camp, where the deaths oc-

curred Monday. Hundreds of Viet-

namese were rounded up for ques-tioning. About 2,500 North

Vietnamese were moved to other

detention centers to defuse tension

Officials, beginning an investiga-tion, described the incident as an

arson attack by one group of boat refugees from southern Vietnam on

According to some accounts, an

argument over the distribution of hot water erupted into a riot, with

hundreds of Vietnamese armed

with homemade spears, axes and knives battling for several hours despite tear gas fired by the police. Gangs of southern Vietnamese

surrounded a corrugated tin but

crowded with northern Vietnam-

esc, setting it on fire by ramming

dows and buding them onto the

Twenty-one charred bodies, in-

cluding those of five children, were

pulled out by fire fighters after the

disturbance was brought under

control. At least 128 refugees were

Burned and wounded Vietnam-

ese were taken to Tuen Mun Hospi-

tal. Many had to wait hours before

seeing a doctor; hospital staffing

was down because of the three-day

wounded, some seriously.

Lunar New Year holiday.

between rival gangs.

a group from the north.

Washington Part Service HONG KONG — Hundreds of

who say they must now finally come to terms with the "Finlandization" of Finland — a reference to the postwar period in which Moscow claimed a right to dictate Helsinki's military and foreign policy. These Finns are seeking to join Sweden and Austria next month in applying for membership in the European

Pertti Salolainen, the deputy prime minister and head of the Conservative Party, said that the argument for joining the Community had been helped by the collapse of the Soviet Union by demonstrating that Finland must aggressively seek out new markets and economic relationships.

Finland's overdependence on the Soviet market has cost it dearly. In the early 1980s, a quarter of Finnish exports went to the Soviet Union, which made Finland one of its largest trading partners. Most of the goods were finished products like shoes and textiles, which were traded as part of a complicated barter arrangement for Soviet oil and gas.

But last year, only 4 percent of Finnish exports went to Moscow as the barter arrangement collapsed. As a result, bundreds of large and small companies that for years had a guaranteed slice of the Soviet market have been forced to close their doors, and unemployment in Finland has soared to nearly 14 percent, three times what it was two years ago.

For centuries, Finland's destiny has been inextricably tied to its gargantuan eastern neighbor. From the mid-18th century until the Bolshevik Revolution, the area that is now Finland was part of the imperial Russian empire, a kind of autonomous buffer state guarding the western approach to St. Petersburg.

Even Finnish independence was a product of

events in Russia: As a result of the collapse of the czarist government, the Finns were able to declare

businessmen who had relied for years on the stable Soviet market, they have also emboldened those here themselves an independent state in 1917, and receive immediate recognition from Lenin's new govern-sometimes narcotics.

Later, in the Winter War of 1939, Stalin sought to roll back the Russian-Finnish frontier, but ran into fierce resistance from Finnish units, including crack ski troops, who stalled his attack.

In 1944, after three more years of fighting, Moscow did manage to enforce hard terms on the Finns, including the surrender of most of Finnish Karelia. Later, in 1948, the Soviets put forward a Friendship Treaty that bound the Finns to protect the Soviet Union's northwest flank, despite Finland's professed status as a neutral nation.

This month, Russia and Finland signed a new agreement scrapping the old treaty and pledging to treat each other as equals. Still, many Finns are having a difficult time adjusting to uncertainty in their relations with their neighbor, after so many years of smothering predictability.

There is a kind of Wild West atmosphere now on

the Russian side that troubles the Finns," a diplomat in Helsinki said. "Remember, St. Petersburg is only 100 miles east, and it has a larger population than the whole of Finland." Western embassies in Helsinki advise visitors

crossing the frontier not to travel at night, citing reports of buses and automobiles being robbed or

hijacked by armed criminal gangs.

In fact, the number of Russians legally crossing the border has grown sharply. At the Vaalinaa crossing, the busiest along the frontier, more than 33,000 Russians passed through on their way to Finland in January, more than twice as many as a year ago. Officials say the increase reflects relaxed travel con-

But Major Uusitalo says that many of those crossing are not ordinary tourists, but rather small-time smugglers trying illegally to bring across goods for

In an interview last week, Prime Minister Esko Aho acknowledged that there was widespread apprehension among Finns about the situation across the border and its potential impact on Finland.

"It is difficult to estimate how dangerous the situation is," he said. "But in any case, that is why we have an interest to assist, to give food and aid from Finland to all the neighboring regions."

These kinds of apprehensions are shared by other European governments that have a common border with Russia. A delegation from the Finnish Frontier Guard recently toured Germany and Austria, to discuss mutual concerns.

But Mr. Aho said that Finland's apprehension was magnified by the enormous economic gulf that separates Finland and Russia

Although the effects of recession in Western Europe and the collapse of trade with the old Soviet Union deflated Finland's booming economy, the country has one of the highest standards of living in the world. The Finns are near the top in literacy rates, infant health and the percentage of the population

using mobile telephones.

Meanwhile, the areas just inside Russia's northwestern border mirror the conditions elsewhere with the old Soviet empire, particularly in provincial districts far removed from Moscow: shortages of food and consumer goods, and a broken and decaying infrastructure, including a telephone system that barely functions at all.

The differences are apparent the moment a traveler crosses the border, leaving behind the well-tended small farms and smooth asphalt roads of southwestern Finland, for the rutted, broken highway that leads from the border to Vyborg, the former Finnish town that the Russians absorbed into their territory during World War IL

Russia Puts

Its Stock of

Basic Food

At 19 Days

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia will start

running out of basic food supplies within 19 days despite pricing changes designed to fill empty store

The predictions, based on gov-

ernment statistics, were issued a day after Russia's top economic official forecast another two years

The State Statistics Committee,

or Goskomstat, has predicted that

Russia's stocks of beef and poultry

will be exhansted in 19 days and

that vegetable oil will run out in 20

Butter supplies are expected to run out in 30 days, and sugar in 41

days, according to the agency, now called the Information Telegraph

Agency of Russia-Tass,
A Trade Ministry spokesman,
Vasili Tikhonov, blamed the ex-

pected crisis on the refusal of other

former Soviet republics to honor

Mr. Tikhonov said Ukraine had

provided only 1,000 tons of beef to Moscow and St. Petersburg this

year, of the 30,000 tons promised

for the first three months. Belarus

has supplied only 4,000 tons of

meat products of the agreed 46,000

tons, he said.
Russia received just 10 percent

of all the food and other goods

imported by the Soviet Unioo in

1991, even though it is by far the

most populous republic, Mr. Tik-

honov said. That is down from 25

Mr. Tikhonov predicted that

Russia would need to buy at least

2.5 million tons of meat and meat

products to feed its people, as well as 100,000 tons of milk powder, 536 tons of butter and 4.1 million tons

Although the Russian govern-

ment has signed many contracts

with Western companies, he said, supplies have been slow in arriving and major lines of credit with Ger-

many and Italy cannot be drawn

upon yet because of bureaucracy

and inefficiency in the Russian

with Western companies is the

near-collapse of Vneshekonom-

bank, the former Soviet Foreign

Trade Bank. It has all but run out

of foreign currency, so most foreign

businesses refuse to deposit funds

Russia's deputy prime minister for economics, Yegor T. Gaidar,

said Monday that serious difficul-

ties awaited consumers during the

transition to a free-market econo-

my. He said that prices had tripled

on average after controls were lift-

ed on most goods and services on

The pricing change has increased

the availability of some products,

including cheese, sausage, caviar

and sparkling wine, in state stores.

ue to be as well-stocked as before,

although their prices are much

higher and beyond the means of

Railways Minister Gennadi Fa-

deyev announced, meanwhile, that

the price of train tickets within

Russia and in other former Soviet

republics will triple Feb. 10,

many Russian families.

Private farmers' markets contin-

Jan, 2, but had then leveled off.

Complicating the business deals

percent in 1990, he said.

of raw sugar.

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contracts to sell food to Russia.

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WORLD BRIEFS

Libya Proposes an Extradition Treaty 🤄

LARNACA. Cyprus (AFP) — Libya is prepared to negotiate an extradition treaty with France as part of efforts to resolve the dispute over the bombing of a French sirliner, the Libyan foreign minister, Ibrahim

"Let's conclude an agreement on the exchange of criminals and we'll see where it takes us," he said in Lamaca, where the Nonaligned Movement is meeting. "We must sit down and negotiate" over such an accord, he stressed Libya has refused to hand over Libyans accused of

involvement in bombings.

Tripoli has called for international arbitration and offered to put the suspects on trial in their own country, while disputing U.S. and French accusations against its nationals.

Powell Would Keep Force Fearsome

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — General Colin L. Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Tuesday he wanted the world "scared to death" of the U.S. military even after defense cuts because that will comfort America's friends and chill its enemies.

"I don't say that in a bellicose way," he added, "I say that in a way that's peaceful, frankly." He said President George Bush's plan for \$50 billion in military cuts through 1997 should not be increased by Congress because armed forces must always be ready to face the possibility of two

regional emergencies arising simultaneously.

He said he that while he did not two such emergencies challenging U.S. power now, the Pentagon must plan for the contingency. "The power we hold is power to be trusted," General Powell said. "The only land in Europe we ever took was for our cemeteries. People know that they can trust American power."

Kohl Wants 3 UN Agencies in Bonn

BONN (Reuters) — Chancellor Helmut Kohl wants Bonn to be the seat of three UN agencies — the United Nations Development Program, the Fund for Population Activities and and the Development Fund for National Management Programs, the Fund for Population Activities and and the Development Fund for National Management Statement Stateme sep the Women, all of which are based in New York — a government spokesman.

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The spokesman said that Carl-Dieter Spranger, Germany's minister for economic development, would lobby UN leaders during a meeting of the UN Conference on Trade and Development beginning Saturday in

The German parliament decided last year to move the core of the overnment from Bonn to Berlin, which became the capital after East and West Germany united in 1990. Germany wants to attract business and organizations to Bonn to fill empty office space and employ workers after most ministries move to Berlin.

Maxwell's Widow Asserts Her Family Is Now Broke

NEW YORK — The widow of Robert Maxwell, the publishing magnate, says her family is oow broke and that she cannot believe the tales of her husband's financial plunderings.

In the first long interview since Mr. Maxwell mysteriously drowned in November, Elisabeth Maxwell, 70, said in the March issue of Vanity Fair that she was "utterly confused" by revelations of her husband's stock manipulations. "I think I'm reading about a her husband's stock manipulations. "I think I'm reading about a man I never knew," she said, "I am trying to decipher from this torrent of words the things that may be true from those I know are

Despite the stories that Mr. Maxwell plundered the Mirror Group Newspapers, his widow said: "The only person who has actually lost ber pension is me; all the others have continued to be paid." They say I have £500,000," or \$900,000, she added. "Those are bes. I haven't anything."

Maxwell family assets have been frozen, and two Maxwell sons, Kevin and Ian, face legal charges pending the outcome of investiga-tions into their father's toppled publishing empire, which once stretched from Israel to New York.

Turkey Avalanche Death Toll at 142

ANKARA (Reuters) — Avalanches in southern Turkey over the weekend killed 142 people, including 95 paramilitary gendarmes, the Turkish interior minister, Ismet Sezgin, said Tuesday.

The official death toll, given to parliament, was more than 30 fewer.

than earlier figures from officials in Sirnak Province, where rescuers have arose because some sources counted twice the 30 or so people missing andpresumed dead.

The bad weather continued on Tuesday, with blizzards cutting off more than 3,000 villages in nine provinces in central and eastern Turkey, the Anatolian News Agency said.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Italian air controllers plan a five-hour strike from 7 A.M. on Saturday to protest government delays in approving a contract. (Reuters) Iran Air will inaugurate a weekly return flight to Nairobi in April. The flights will be part of efforts to expand its octwork. The company also plans to start weekly flights between Tehran and Baku later this month and is studying the possibility of flights to Khartoum. (AFP)

The Weather



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WEATHERING THE HOLY LAND — Scandinavian tourists on Jerusalem's Via Dolorosa getting a wintry reminder of home Tuesday. The storm blanketed the city in a thick layer of snow.

Walesa Accuses West of Draining Polish Markets

By Blaine Harden

Washington Poet Service
WARSAW — Giving voice to rising Polish resentment at capitalist change, President Lech Walesa accused the West on Tuesday of betraying his nation by deluging it with consumer goods but refusing to make major investments.

"It is you, the West, who have made good business on the Polish revolution," Mr. Walesa said in a speech he delivered Tuesday to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg.

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PALACE HOTEL SWITZERLAND Telefax 030/4 33 44 The Jeading Hotels of the World "The West was supposed to help us in arranging the economy on new principles, but in fact it largely Mr. Walesa appeared in his confined its effort to draining our domestic markets," he added.

The Polish leader's vitriolie speech comes at a time when the Poles, who were the first in Eastern Europe to dump communism and the first to embrace "shock theraeconomics, are balking at the high costs, jerky pace and inequitable benefits of post-Communist

The speech also dovetails with the emerging populist policies of a new government, which is led by the third prime minister in less than two and a half years. Warsaw has moved to centralize economie decisico-making, questioned the need for rigorous free-market changes and has pledged to help out moneylosing state industries.

According to recent interviews with Western diplomats. Polish lawmakers and foreign investors. decisions on major Western investments in Poland are being frozen by the new government, which fears popular wrath for "selling out" the country to foreigners.

Poland, as a result, has become a

The Associated Press

daughter's nightmares about the boxer and

listened to the teenager's own words to an

"I came out of the bathroom and this

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basically kind of did what be wanted to do

and kept saying, 'Don't fight me. Don't fight me.' And I was saying, 'No! No! Get off of me, get off of me please,'" Mr. Tyson's

Mr. Tyson, 25, is accused of raping an 18-

prosecution rested its case Tuesday.

accuser said in the emergency call.

INDIANAPOLIS - Jurors in Mike Ty-

Strasbourg speech to be trying to take charge of a nationalistic and xenophobic drift in attitudes.

Nowadays our own people are not getting the feeling they are any better off," he said. "The fruits of the victory have turned sour. Already one can hear some people wondering why we have ever done it. Democracy is losing its supporters. Some people even say: 'Let's go back to authoritarian rule.'

Since Poland was the beliwether for political and economic change in Communist Europe, the swing in its public mood may presage similar changes elsewhere in attitudes across Eastern Europe and the republics of the former Soviet Union.
An opinion poll published in Po-

land's largest daily newspaper, Gazeta Wyborcza, showed that only one in four Poles believes in free enterprise, the need for foreign investment or the wisdom of privatizing state-owned factories.

Reflecting a sharp turnaround in previously pro-Western sentiment, the poll found that a majority want the government to prop up stateowned factories, and they oppose question mark for many Western the involvement of foreign capital companies that had been interested in their country's economy.

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million. The private sector now employs about a quarter of the Poles who have jobs.

But millions of others, especially those outside major cities and those still working in the state enterprises that continue to power 65 percent of the economy, are not seeing the fruit of the privatization process.

Since 1989, most workers have lost buying power to inflation. Unemployment has doubled in the past year, to 11.4 percent. Public services, like health care, are falling apart. Making all this worse, newspapers carry screaming headlines every week linking foreigners to multimillion-dollar swindles.

Western investors are confused and getting a little bit fed up with the uncertainties in Poland," said John Reed. a senior editor at Business International, a Vienna-based consulting firm for companies that invest in Eastern Europe. "There is a sense now that the levers of policy-making are not in the best of bands. Ministers are running

ern diplomat. "For investors, this is by the new government.

The government has managed to creating a schizophrenic feel. Busisell off about 10 percent of the country's 7,000 major state-owned and even enthusiastic people in country's 7,000 major state-owned and even enthusiastic people in enterprises, collecting nearly \$700 person. But from the press and the politicians they are getting the feeling that someone out there doesn't them."

The diplomat said that since last October, when an election produced a splintered parliament in which no party won more than 12 percent of the vote, few major instment decision have been made. in Poland, a country that for

centuries has been overtuo by alternating waves of Russians and Germans, blame for problems goes quickly to foreigners - particular-Germans,

Poles have watched warily as German investors have signed four times as many joint ventures (1,474) and invested nearly three times as much money (\$156 million) as any other country. The second-leading investor, in terms of ventures (252) and investment (\$65 million), is the United States.

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around making wild statements." Skuhiszewski said that "Poland needs German investment" — fear needs German investment to weird going on here," said a West- of Germany is being pandered to

Prosecution Rests After Airing SOS Tape at Tyson Rape Trial year-old Miss Black America contestant af- woman said. "She's reliving this nightmare Mr. Tyson in the car outside his hotel, and ter taking her to his hotel room here on July over and over."

serts that she consented to sex. He could get up to 63 years in prison if convicted. Prosecutors rested their case after calling

The mother of Mr. Tyson's accuser described the first time she saw her daughter

after the alleged attack. "She lonked just terrible," she said. The woman wept as she described her

prosecution to allow the defense to bring in new witnesses so late in the proceedings. The tecnager had told the jury she and Mr. ing they were telling the truth, he said. Tyson had no physical contact after he gave in arguing to have parts of the emergency

that the two "were all over one another. "I wonder what rock these people had Judge Patricia J. Gifford ruled Tuesday been hiding under," said the special prosecuthat jurors could not hear testimony from tor, Greg Garrison. three surprise witnesses who the defense Mr. Heard said the three women had not claimed could show the accuser to be lying. come forward earlier because a lawyer had The judge said it would be unfair to the

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sition meant the governors wanted a tax increase. He told Mr. Romer to list which military bases and weapons programs he would eliminate.

"Do you want it to be \$100 billion, and if so, what bases do you want to close?" the president said heatedly. "What areas do you want to shut down? What weapon systems do you want to knock off right now? Or do you want to lay off the

Mr. Romer replied that Mr. Bush had made some partisan points and that on behalf of the Democrats he

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Here Comes the Unromantic Part: CIA Longs for a More Open but Duller Identity By Elaine Sciolino

New York Times Service
NEW YORK — Standing in a nondescript conference room in a convention hotel in Fast Brunswick, New Jersey, James T. Fitzgerald does what he has been doing for the last 25 years: pitching the Central Intelligence Agency aspiring recruits.

It's not like the James Bond movies," he explains to 28 men and a woman, college gradues invited to the orientation on the basis of their resumes. The more you learn about the CIA, the more you read about it, the more omantic it becomes

For an hour, Mr. Fitzgerald works with the group but never uses the words "Soviet," "enemy" or "covert," or even "espionage." Rather, he tells his audience that the mission of the agency is now so diverse it "could probably staff a small university."

Like a secret agent who carries an invented history and clean passport to a new post, the CIA is struggling to create a new, post-Cold-War identity. If Robert M. Gates, the director of central intelligence, could have his way, the agency would shed its popular image as a hot-bed of operators who conduct covert actions around the world, or seduce foreigners into committing treason in the interests of Ameri-

ca's national security. A child of the Cold War nurtured on an usversus-them mentality, the CIA is longing to be accepted as a benign arm of the government bureancracy, the place to come for cutting-edge information on everything from the effects of the AIDS epidemie on the emerging leadership of Africa to the possibilities of war in the Middle East over water resources.

In fact, some of the recruits said they were attracted to the CIA not by the prospect of spymovie adventure. They came for job security. "I'm trying to get into something more struc-tured, more stable than the job I have," said a 27-year-old economics graduate who is working

Third in a series

as a supervisor of cashiers in an Atlantic City casino. "All I need to do now is count," said the candidate. "I'm choosing the CIA because the benefits are good. The government takes care of

Only a decade ago, the agency was leading clandestine military operations against the Soviet Union or its proxies in countries like Afghanistan, Angola and Cambodia. Those covert operations have ceased, as the Soviet Union withdrew from regional conflicts, then broke

"In terms of dollars, the investment in covert action has already plummeted," said Gary E Foster, the CIA's deputy director for planning

Mr. Gates has even approved the recommendations of an "openness task force" to declassi-ty millions of documents and make senior officials accessible to the public. "Transparent is now the operative word," a CIA advocate of

Still, the covert side has not disappeared. The

agency argues that it still needs covert opera-tors, in part to sift the increasing volume of information that is coming from newly opened societies. And it continues to give recruits a small gray pamphlet that promises adventure and unpredictability in the "clandestine ser-

"The call may come in the middle of the night or on a rainy Sunday morning, or it may ioterrupt a dinner party or a daughter's gradua-tion," the pamphlet says. "If it is urgent, the case officer exits his social and cover life to meet with an agent in a corner of a deserted

park, at a table in a bistro, or in a safe house." But now, the way to move up in the agency is no longer to run successful operations against the Soviet enemy. The MBA who can trace a tortuous money

trail through a foreign banking system is com-ing to be more important than the trench-coated spy who can follow an enemy agent through a back alley overseas. As Mr. Fitzgerald tells his young charges: "We're really looking for economists these days."

Similarly, the skills of thousands of people who collect Soviet military communications with satellites and other technical means are becoming obsolete.

After a decade or so when satellites were preeminent, it is becoming clearer that they are unable to discern intentions. Aerial surveillance could not penetrate the mosques or teahouse of Tehran to test the depth of opposition to the shah. Nor could it watch Saddam Hussein's inner circle to figure out whether Iraq would

use the tanks and troops it had massed on the Kuwaiti border.

"There's no real need for Field Station Berlin, or a variety of listening posts in Germany, which, among other things, listened to Warsaw Pact military communications," said Jeffrey T. Richelson, the author of several books on American intelligence agencies. "Not when there's nothing more to listen to."

This situation raises anew a question that Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Democrat of New York, asks: "Without the Soviet threat, why not just abolish the CIA and let the State Department take over?"

For 40 years the threat of ouclear war drove the CIA, along with the other agencies and departments that make up the \$30-billion-a-year constellation that is often called "the intelligence community." Included are the National Security Agency, responsible for eavesdropping around the world; the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Pentagon's intelligence arm; the National Reconnaissance Office, which manages satellite intelligence; and analytical intelligence pockets tucked away in the State, Com-

merce, and Treasury departments.

Few if any CIA officials agree with the notion that the intelligence agencies still need to focus 60 percent of their resources on the Soviet threat. lo recent months, the atmosphere has been so cozy that shortly after Robert S. Strauss arrived in Moscow last summer to take up his post as ambassador, the KGB handed him detailed wiring diagrams for listening devices in the new U.S. Embassy. KGB agents wearing visitors' badges are being given tours of the CIA and the FBl.

William E. Colby, a former CIA chief, tells of sitting around a table with the heads of half a dozen Eastern European intelligence services at a planning conference in Bulgaria in November, lecturing them on how to function in a democratic society.

"It knocked me out," Mr. Colby recalled. "I told them, Well, it is possible to run an intelligence service in a free society. It's a bit of a nuisance,' I said, 'but you can work out relations with Congress and adjust to a Bill of Rights and an independent judiciary."

The overwhelming sense that opponents have become allies has prompted him to tape a message of peace for the Coalition for Democratic Values, an organization of liberal Demo-

"I'm William Colby, and I was head of the CIA," he said in a recent TV commercial. "The job of intelligence is to warn us of dangers to our military, Now the Cold War is over, and the military threat is far less. Now it is time to cut our military spending by 50 percent and invest that money in our schools, health care, and our

As the military threat has receded, the belief that American security rests in economic strength has grown. As a result, many analysts are asking: why not give the CIA and its sister agencies the task of making the United States more competitive by spying on foreign corpora-tions and turning over their secrets to their American counterparts?

Ethical objections aside, the critics of such an idea speak of the independence of American companies from government, and said they did not want Washington to become the handmaiden of industry. And as intelligence officers are fond of saying, they may be willing to die for America, but not occessarily for Geocral Mo-

The most the CIA will do, Mr. Gates has said, is to scrutinize the trade and financial transactions of foreign governments, particularly those of allies who are helping their industries at America's expense, and to investigate global developments in high-tech areas that affect national security. Together with the FBI, the CIA will also step up efforts to prevent foreign corporations and governments from

"We know that foreign intelligence services plant moles in our high-tech companies," Mr. Gates said during his confirmation hearings last fall. "We know that they rifle briefcases of our businessmen who travel in their countries. We know that they collect information on what we're doing, and I think that the CIA and FBI working together should have a very aggressive program against it."

But, he added: "There is a lot of concern about doing industrial espionage, if you will, and I frankly doo't think that U.S. intelligence should be engaged in that."

NEXT: Finding new uses for federal research

How Economic Ills **Help the Democrats**

Increasingly, Bush's Party Is Viewed As the Wrong One to Set Things Right

. By Ann Devroy and Richard Morin

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON — A new Washington Post-ABC News Poll has found increasing signs of concern about the economy that is working to the clear political ad-

vantage of the Democrats. The survey confirmed that President George Bush's State of the Union prescriptions, which the White House had connted on to revive support for the president, had failed to reverse his slide.

In case there were any doubts, the president got a rude awakening from Democratic governors who challenged him at a meeting he called to defend his economic program. They accused him of budgetary gimmickry, favoring the rich and creating "a sewer of debt."

The confrontation, which anhoyed the president, occurred as Mr. Bush's spokesman tried to explain away criticism of the president's program by Jack Kemp, the secretary for housing and urban

According to the poil, the president's job approval rating remained at 46 percent, virtually unged by last week's State of the

Union Message.
But in a finding that is potentially damaging to the president, for the first time since June 1983, more than half of all Americans - 57

Among specific concerns unem-ployment led the list. One out of four persons surveyed, 26 percent, said it was the nation's biggest worry, up from 9 percent in September. The survey of 1,512 randomly selected adults was conducted Thurs-

day through Sunday. The survey also found a dramatic shift in perception of which party Americans believe is able to handle

the country's biggest problem.

The survey found that, by 49 percent to 38 percent, Democrats were seen as the party best able to handle the economy. Two years ago, Republicans enjoyed a 52 per-cent to 33 percent advantage.

The survey's margin of sampling error was plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Mr. Bush's confrontation with

Democratic governors began when the Colorado governor, Roy Romer, a Democrat, demanded that the press be allowed to stay after the president had finished a speech on his economic program. The state leaders had been invited for the standard presidential meeting at the end of the winter gathering of the National Governors Association, and under traditional procedures, the press is escorted out after the president delivers his remarks.

Mr. Bush gave in to Governor Romer's demand and the Democrat began his assault. He said Mr. Bush's \$1.52 trillion budget contained \$40 billion in "gimmicks," including \$12 billion in unspecified domestic cuts in later years and \$28 billion in "accural accounting," which counts anticipated revenue before the cash is in hand.

The governors worry, Mr. Romer said, that "some of those may end up on our backs." He called for larger military cuts beyond the \$50 billion over five years

Demanding specifics, Mr. Bush suggested that the Democratic po-

wanted to make the public case that there was more than the Republican approach to economic and budgetary issues.

governor, George A. Sinner, a Democrat, told Mr. Bush, "I think you could tax the wealthy a lot

If we continue into this sewer of debt, our children and the families that are suffering today, that's nothing compared to what these families of tomorrow will suffer,

Governor Sinner said. He added that he would publicly

advocate raising taxes. Governor Howard Dean of Vermont, also a Democrat, com-plained that Mr. Bush was cutting \$500 million from a \$1.5 billion program to help the poor buy home-heating oil. Governor Dean said "we would be devastated" if the cut were allowed to stand.

In addition to the Democrats' criticism, the White House had to deal with potshots from Mr. Kemp, who said in a television Saturday that the president's proposed tax

credits were "gimmicks."
Although Mr. Kemp praised the Bush budget proposals in general terms, he told the CNN interviewers, "I cannot sit here on your show and retain my credibility and say that allowing people another \$30 month is going to spur economic recovery."

An administration official said that following the broadcast, the White House chief of staff, Samuel K. Skinner, called Mr. Kemp "to express frustration" over the remarks, which were instantly quoted by Democrats in television appearances and by Patrick J. Buchs Mr. Bush's challenger in the New Hampshire primary election.

Mr. Kemp issued a statement apologizing for his remark, and his office said he called the president to apologize. Mr. Fitzwater said Monday Mr. Kemp had "assured" the White House that he supported the administration program.

AMERICAN TOPICS

A Rose-Hued Mirror Of the Well-to-Do

In 25 years of "unabashed elitism" in the design of clothing, bedding, furniture and tableware, Ralph Lauren has become virtually synonymous with "uppermiddle-class American taste," writes Paul Goldberger, the architecture critic of The New York Times. "For in an age in which artifice often seems to become reality, Mr. Lauren has become the ultimate lifestyle purveyor, the ultimate producer of a completely packaged, perfect life." This week the Council of Fash-

ion Designers of America conferred its Lifetime Achievement Award on Mr. Lauren. And no wonder, writes Mr. Goldberger, for Mr. Lauren has "wrought a world of easy elegance, of handsome men and beautiful women, of comfortable bouses and rolling lawns. It seems self-assured, perhaps a trifle smug, and it is presented without even the tiniest hint of irony." Indeed, it amounts to "a grown-up Disneyland, a theme park for adults where politics, strife and hard edges never

Mr. Lauren's Manhattan office, for example, "is a more per-fectly wrough: version of a 19thcentury London men's club, or of the library of a great country

signs, the old moneyed class on whom they are modeled, seem to embrace them. Palm Beach and Southampton are crawling with people clad in Lauren." Short Takes

A new federal law attempts to

HEAD OVER HEELS IN LOVE - Beth Shreves and Mark Pastore plunging earthward attached to a bungee cord after exchanging marriage vows in a balloon over Boulder, Colorado. to look for dramatic changes (soon. "It's the most sweeping civil rights legislation in decades, and everyone's blase about it," says Louis A. Custini, a lobbyist the real world."
Mr. Goldberger adds that "the Manufacturers Association. If a doctor has his office on the secvery people whom one might exond floor of a building without elevators, will he have to make pect to scorn Mr. Lauren's debonse calls to disabled nationts? Must an employer favor a disabled worker over a nondisabled worker with more seniority? And how is "disabled" defined? Wil-

questions that court cases are going to have to clarify." guarantee disabled people equal access to public places, and bars Gary Hart, the former Democratic senator from Colorado employers from discriminating

firm that links American investors with businesses in the former Soviet Union. Now that another Democratic contender, Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas, is in the midst of a similar uproar, Mr. Hart has been inundated with requests to speak out on the subject of politics, sex and the media. "I haven't commented on that in five years," he says. "I'm not going to start now.

What to call the generation following the yuppies, the young ur-ban professionals of the booming 1980s? In the book "Generations." William Strauss and Neil Howe write that the newcomers "look upon themselves as pragmatic, quick, sharp-eyed, able to

paign was derailed by a sex scan-dal, now heads a Denver-based stand the game of life as it really gets played." The New York Times suggests a name for this generation that is "coming of age in a country that is post-moder post-cold-war, post-baby-boom, post-prosperity: posties."

> Elisa De Carlo writes in the Metropolitan Diary of The New York Times that the women's lavatory at 55 Grove Street, a Manhattan cabarct, has the usual "Employees Must Wash Hands" sign. Beneath it, somebody has written, "Sorry, I waited for hours. Nobody eame. So I washed them myself."

> > Arthur Higbee

13 U.S. Firms Helped Iraqi Nuclear Effort, Congressman Asserts

By Douglas Frantz and Murray Waas

Los Angeles Times Service WASHINGTON - Investigators have found evidence that U.S. companies provided crucial tech-nology for Iraq's nuclear weapons program, contradicting a classified inistration report that exonerated American firms, the chairman of the House Banking Committee

Representative Henry B. Gonzalez, Democrat of Texas, said Monday that his investigators had identified 13 companies that supplied equipment, perhaps unknowingly, for one Iraqi missile program and that more were under scrutiny.

Mr. Gonzalez said the committee's findings contradicted an undisclosed report sent to Congress in September. The report said that U.S. companies did not contribute directly to Iraq's weapons programs, Mr. Gonzalez said.

"The report to Congress is clearly inaccurate." Mr. Gonzalez said in a letter to President George Bush. "In fact, numerous U.S. companies provided critical support to Iraqi weapons programs,

including missiles." He also said that Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d had ham-effects of shortages of medicine. pered his investigation by refusing malnutrition and lack of sanitato ask the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency for documents naming U.S. companies that supplied mili-

tary equipment to Iraq. In inspections over the last year, the United Nations and the energy agency obtained thousands of pages of documents about Iraq's weapons program, including cvidence that U.S. companies played

prominent roles. The administration has not sought the names of U.S. suppliers despite public offers by the international organizations to provide the lists to governments, according to a

"It is my understanding several governments in Europe have requested the names of their manu-

facturers and suppliers, and have been provided them," he said. A State Department official said he had not been able to determine

whether names had been sought. In all, Washington approved sales to Iraq of \$1.5 billion in technology with commercial and military uses between 1985 and 1990. House investigators began examining the involvement of U.S. companies as part of an inquiry into the activities of the Atlanta branch of Italy's Banca Nazionale del Lavoro. Last spring, the branch man-ager and four Iraqi government of-ficials were indicted in connection

with \$4 billion in allegedly unauthorized loans to Iraq. ■ Sanctions Hurt, Iraq Says

Trade sanctions and the effects of the Gulf War have killed almost 100,000 Iraqis, nearly a third of them children, Reuters reported the Iraqi Health Minister as saying

in Baghdad.
The minister, Umaid Midhat Mubarak, said that 98,669 people had died between August 1990 and the end of 1991 from the combined

Worst-hit were children under the age of five, he said. "Our figures show 31,033 sanctions-related deaths in this age group." Dr. Mubarak said. "Those over five number 67,636."

He said that medicines aod equipment supplied by internation al relief organizations covered at most 10 percent of Iraq's needs. Iraq has been under a tight inter-national trade blockade since Saddam Hussein's troops invaded Ku-

wait on Aug. 2, 1990. They held it

for seven mooths, until a U.S.-led

multinational force drove them out

after a 42-day war.

against them. But experts say not whose 1988 presidential cam-**Buchanan Candidacy Fractures Conservatives**

By Steven A. Holmes New York Three Service

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire - Whatever the outcome of the fight over the Republican nomination, Patrick J. Buchanan is exposing fault lines in the conservative movement at a time when the twin epoxies that bound conservatives - Ronald Reagan and international communism - have melted away.

As he campaigns in New Hamp-shire, Mr. Buchanan, a former White House speechwriter who is at times to the right of the two presidents he served, has made it clear that his goal is not only to unhorse President George Bush as the timlar head of the Republican Party, but also to change the direction of the conservative movement. At a recent campaign stop in Littleton, New Hampshire, Mr. Buchanan acknowledged the ideologi-

By Michael Isikoff

Washington Post Service

Noriega gave U.S. officials "un-precedented cooperation" in the

war against drugs, including secret

financial records that led to the

breakup of a major Colombian

money-laundering operation in

Panama and the arrest of two lead-

ing operatives of the Medellin drug

ring, according to Mr. Noriega's

Opening the defense case in the

drug-trafficking and racketeering

trial of the former Panamanian

leader, Jon May, the defense attor-

ney, also promised evidence show-

ing that Mr. Noriega regularly briefed the Central Intelligence

Agency about his meetings with the

Cuban president, Fidel Castro, and

was an important intermediary be-

tween the United States and Cuba

During three months of testimo-

ny that began in September, federal

prosecutors presented a parade of

during the 1983 U.S. invasion of

MIAMI - Manuel Antonio

cal fracturing among conservatives and argued that his campaign had become its focal point.

There is tremendous ferment in America, politically and ideologically," he told a gathering at the Littleton Elks Club. "The old conservative movement is breaking apart. Some of my friends are barely on speaking terms with each other; some aren't on speaking terms

the right wing of the Republican Party, especially those outside government, and not beholden to the administration, have yearned for a conservative besides David Duke, the former leader of the Ku Klux Klan and Nazi sympathizer, to challenge Mr. Bush.

There is bttle doubt that many in

These conservatives view Mr. Bush as nothing short of a Judas who sold them out when he reneged on his pledge not to raise taxes and

Noriega Briefed CIA, Defense Says

launderers and other convicted fel-

ons who testified that, as Panama's

chief military ruler, Mr. Noriega

took millions of dollars in payoffs from the Medellin ring in Colom-

But the government never pro-

duced documentary evidence to

support the charges, and virtually

all key testimony came from wit-

nesses who were offered reduced

prison sentences, dropped charges

and other benefits to testify against

"None of the witnesses we will

present has received immunity for

his testimony; none of the witness-

es we will present has been allowed

to plead to reduced charges," Mr.

By contrast, Mr. May said the

defense would present an array of

former high-ranking U.S. govern-

ment officials and Drug Enforce-

ment Administration agents who would say that, rather than taking

payoffs to protect drug traffickers,

Mr. Noriega worked closely with

U.S. anti-drug officials and did ev-

Mr. Noriega.

May said.

former drug traffickers, money erything that they asked of him.

when he signed the civil rights bill. But by espousing positions on trade, immigration and the role of the United States in the world tinged with a kind of isolationism and protectionism that are anathema to many free-market and globalist conservatives, Mr. Buchanan is seen by some as an imperiect spear with which to impale the

liam S. Waldo, a Los Angeles

lawyer, says, "These are the tough

president "One has this almost irresistible urge to leap out of your chair and say, 'Pat, this guy deserves to be socked. Do it!' "said David Keene, chairman of the American Conservative Union. "But Pat's mission is not just to sock the president, but to change conservatism in a way l

For some conservatives, supporting Mr. Buchanan therefore seems like a Faustian bargain. Their long-shot hope is for the challenger to bloody Mr. Bush in

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Ozone Hole Widens, **Populated Regions** Face Radiation Risk

This summer, for the first time, densely populated regions of the Northern Hemisphere and cities as far south as London, Amsterdam and Moscow face solar radiation bazards because of ozone depletion over the North Pole, scientists said

Two studies by American and European researchers have confirmed the buildup of ozone-killing chemicals in the stratosphere. The ozone layer shields Earth from ultraviolet radiation from the sun. Scientists said the increase in radiation could have serious health and ecological effects.

Humans will be more vulnerable to skin cancer, cataract problems and immune system deficiencies, and increased radiation in the early summer could damage growing

"It could be a global catastro-phe," said Tracy Hesiop, an ozone specialist for Greenpeace in Lon-

The buildup of harmful chemicals was detected by the National Aeronantics and Space Administration in the United States, and by the European Arctic Stratospheric Ozone Experiment based in north-

Scientists said that if an ozone hole opens up above the Arctic this year, people living above 50 degrees latitude will be at risk from

The studies detected levels of chlorine monoxide 50 percent higher than in the Antarctic, where scientists discovered an ozone hole in 1985. Chlorine monoxide is a product of the chlorofluorocarbons widely used in refrigerants and aerosol sprays. It, and another chemical called bromine monoxide -which also was found in elevated amounts - react with the ozone and destroy it.

U-2 reconnaissance planes last month detected the highest levels of chlorine monoxide ever recorded in the atmosphere, according to NASA scientists,

The studies also detected abnormally low amounts of the nitrogen oxides that can inhibit the ozone

Scientists said the eruption of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines last year helped create the conditions for an ozone hole to develop over the Arctic. The eruption blasted hage amounts of fine dust into the stratosphere. This has built up into polar stratospheric clouds, which act as sites for the chemical reactions that turn chlorines into ozone killers.

The volcanic dust apparently serves the same function as the ice particles over the Antarctic. These act as a platform for the ozonedestroying chemicals. Scientists describe an ozone hole as a condition in which more than half the ozone is depleted. Studies have depicted depletion of up to 70 percent in the Antarctic.

Ms. Heslop said parts of the hole sometimes break off to create radiation hazards in Australia and New Zealand. The same could happen in the Northern Hemisphere if a hole forms above the Arctic, she said.

Neither the American nor the European scientists predicted the extent of the Arctic ozone hole, nor could they say which areas might be most affected by increased radiation hazards.

This is because the results of both studies were released at an interim stage. The analysis of the findings is continuing, but scientists said they wanted to draw attention to the potential seriousness

The data indicate that there is "an ever-increasing danger of ozone depletion in the mid latitudes and Arctic area," said Michael Kurylo, manager of NASA's Upper Atmosphere Research Pro-

Publication of the findings is certain to increase pressure to speed up the elimination of ozone-depleting chemicals. Most industrialized nations have agreed to stop producing such chemicals by the year



CELEBRATION FIT FOR A QUEEN — Queen Elizabeth II, who on Thursday celebrates the 40th anniversary of her enthronement as monarch of the United Kingdom.

Diana Gets a Mercedes And a Union Sees Red

LONDON - Diana, Princess of Wales, took delivery of a new sports car Tuesday and drove straight into a chorus of criticism that her choice of a German Mercedes was unpatriotic.

Members of parliament and union leaders said that Diana, 30, whose husband, Prince Charles, is heir to the throne, should have stuck with her British Jaguar.

"This decision by the princess is at best insensitive and at worst deeply unpatriotic," said Jimmy Airlie, motor industry negotiator for the engineering trade union.

Buckingham Palace said that Diana's new metallic red two-seater Mèrcedes-Benz 500SL, worth \$130,000, was being leased "for her personal use." She is the first member of the royal family in living memory to use a foreign car.

News reports said the princess had sold her personal Jaguar XJS sports car, although she would continue to attend public engagements in an official Jaguar sedan.

Dennis Skinner, a Labor Party legislator, said, "This is another example of the royal family showing contempt for British workers."

Anthony Beaumont-Dark, a legislator of the ruling Conservative Party for Selly Oak in Britain's recession-hit motor industry, called it "astonishing" that Diana would give the German car maker publicity at a time when Jaguar was losing money and dismissing workers.

Habash Affair Is Over, Mitterrand Says

By Barry James International Herald Tribune

PARIS - President François Mitterrand said Tuesday night that allowing the terrorist leader Georges Habash to come to France for medical treatment was an "error of judg-

ment" In a live television interview, he said, "I dealt with this affair in 48 hours. The Habash

affair no longer exists." He ruled out dismissing ministers or reshuffling the cabinet.

Mr. Mitterrand said he would call a special session of Parliament on Friday to hear a government statement, and he challenged the rightist opposition to introduce a motion of

no-confidence.

"If the opposition wants to put a motion of no-confidence, then we shall see," Mr. Mitterrand said.

He accused the press and opposition politicians of whipping the affair out of propor-

The president seemed to be irritated as the interview opened.

"Let me speak," he said as one of his interviewers tried to pose a question. "For six days you have been speaking about nothing

Mr. Habash, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, arrived in Paris for medical treatment last week while the president was on a visit to Oman.

When he was first questioned about the affair last week, Mr. Mitterrand sought to minimize it by saying that no arrest warrant or demand for extradition had been issued for Mr. Habash. He also pledged that he would ensure that Mr. Habash's stay on French territory would be "brief."

Later, on a plane taking him to New York for a summit meeting of the UN Security Council, he questioned whether the underlings who approved Mr. Habash's entry were

Mr. Habash returned to Tunis on Saturday after five senior French officials resigned under pressure for allowing him to come.

Mr. Mitterrand said their loss was a great pity because "they are remarkable people with a great nobility of character." Their mistake, he said, had been in treating

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the affair as a routine matter instead of alerting the prime minister or himself, He said they had failed to take into account his own firm opposition to terrorism. "They did not realize it was intolerable, as

far as I am concerned," he said. Mr. Mitterrand called Mr. Habash a "retired terrorist."

But he said there was no national or international arrest warrant, or any other reason for keeping him in France.

The president said the affair had been blown out of proportion by sensation-seeking journalists to the exclusion of more impor-

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nuclear arsenal, officials here may now have an interest in exaggeration. The more the West lears the emigration of nuclear scientists to unfriendly nations or the theft of nuclear arms, the more likely it is to support the scientific and military establishment here in a time of pov-

But analysts here and in the West have said that the disintegration of the Soviet Union poses real dangers. The newspaper Komsomols-kaya Pravda said Tuesday that only 500 experts capable of dismantling tactical nuclear experts remained at work. It also quoted a nuclear-weapons lab director, Boris Gorbachev, as saving that poor conditions in the army could contribute to a nuclear accident

"It is becoming clear that in the very near future we can expect hundreds of big and small Chemo-byls," the lab director said. "It's entirely possible for a man worn out by the problems of daily life to make a mistake when carrying out work on nuclear warheads."

Such a mistake would not trigger a chain reaction, but igniting the nonnuclear explosives in a warhead could scatter radioactive material

over a wide area, he said. Mr. Mikhailov, who directs a weapons complex spanning 10 "closed" cities with 100,000 workers and I million residents, said he believed that Russia should resume underground nuclear tests once a one-year moratorium declared by Mr. Yeltsin comes to an end. He said some testing was necessary to prevent "degradation" of the na-tion's scientific expertise.

Mr. Mikhailov added that a global shield against nuclear mis-William Kennedy Smith about an ment" of money. But he said he supported the idea because he worried about Islamic states acquiring nuclear weapons.

big issue soon," the official said.
"Money, especially dollars,
tends to stick to dishonest hands,"

he said. "Many people would like to get this money, because everyone is impressed by this amount. Mr. Mikhailov said that he would visit Washington soon to propose that \$300 million be spent

on actual destruction, with the other \$100 million going to food, medicine and other benefits for residents of areas where nuclear waste will be stored. He rejected congressional proposels to provide aid in exchange for Russian oil and gas, saying that this would be "like a yoke around our necks." He also rejected what

have been built. "I understand their desire to get rid of these materials as soon as

be said had been U.S. proposals to

begin dismantling warheads even

before proper storage facilities

possible, but we cannot create another ecological disaster." Mr. Mikhailov said.

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definite link between the officer's

They said he had just been sus-

pended from duty after firing shots

over the grave of a colleague who

had been killed in a domestic

shooting. He was arrested Monday

night, his gun confiscated, but was

Confusion surrounded the triple

killing because the Ulster Freedom

Fighters, an outlawed Protestant extremist group fighting to keep Northern Ireland British, originally

It wanted in a statement: "Other

republicans will be targeted" and it

was widely assumed that the attack

was in revenge for the IRA attack

last month on eight Protestant con-

struction workers who were killed

the shooting Tuesday had said

there were two gunmen and a get-

away car, which was believed to be

Gerry Adams, president of Sinn

Earlier reports from the scene of

hy a buge roadside bomb.

the car found at lakeside.

snicide and the triple killing.

then released.

took responsibility.

ULSTER: Sinn Fein Deaths

Mr. Thornberry. Florida area that has been trying to

lure the Mariners. It was Mr. Gardner, a Democrat, and Senator Slade Gorton, a Republican, who in De-cember asked Minoru Arakawa, the president of Nintendo's U.S. operations and a 15-year resident

ball team in Seattle. The worst fear among business and political leaders in the Northwest, the part of the mainland closest to Japan, is that the woes of Midwestern automobile manufacturers could lead to protectionist measures that would seriously hurt the West Coast residents if Asian

of the area, to help keep the base-

countries were to retaliate. Boeing, which employs 105,000 people in the Scattle area, is the nation's leading export company, and Japan is its second biggest for-eign customer, behind England.

"I'm personally not that happy with what they've been saying about our workers in Japan, but I do know that if America were to have some sort of protectionism

place in full view of a British Army

observation post which has a cam-

era permanently fixed on this building," Mr. Adams said.

door and is monitored by a TV

camera. Visitors are asked to iden-

tify themselves over a speaker phone before being admitted.

At the time of the attack, a peace

demonstration was taking place

about a mile and a half away, in the

city center, and Mrs. Robinson was

having lunch with a group of law-

A Sinn Fein press officer, Rich-

ard Meauley, said that moments

before the shooting began, the

headquarters are on the second sto-

young fellow who had been shot in

the chest at point-blank range.

There were shotgun cartridges ly-

ry of the building.

The Sinn Fein office has a steel

ainst them, it would kill us," said Such comments are frequent.

"Asians have never been seen as a threat to us," said Jim Langiois, director of the National Apparel and Textile Association, which is based in Seattle and represents the . booming garment industry here.

While clothes made in Hong Kong may take a joh away from somebody in Georgia, they add a job in the Pacific Northwest, where clothes are designed and marketed.

"All the protectionism talk you hear in the presidential campaign, that's not going to fly here," he

Of course, there are still some disputes about Japan's trade barriers. While Washington grows more than half the nation's apples, the fruit is not allowed into Japan because of its agricultural barriers.

And while Japan is one of. Boeing's best customers, it bought the company's next generation aircraft, the 777, only after Boeing. officials agreed to make some of the sirplane's parts in Japan.

By 1993, part of the 777 fuselage. huilt in Japan will arrive at ports on ' Puget Sound for assembly in Seat-

Increasingly, the U.S. North-west, along with British Columbia and Alberta in Canada, is trying to The attack at 1:15 P.M. "took market itself to the world economy as a single economic unit, calling itself Cascadia. The region, which includes Alas-

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ka. Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho and the two Canadian provinces, produced more than \$250 billion in goods last year, which would rank it as the world's 10th largest economy by gross national.

So, while critics in other parts of the country characterized the Mariners proposal as an attempt by foreigners to buy into the national astime, it was endorsed in Seattlea logical extension of this region's long ties to Asia.

doorman buzzed to say two report-"We have a vantage point on the ers were on the way up for an interview. The Sinn Fein press future that others may not have," said Scattle's mayor, Norm Rice. We can see how old-fashioned notions like national boundaries have Mr. Adams, who arrived shortly been shattered by communication, after the attack, said: "I saw one

Asians are the fastest growing minority and account for 3 percent of the state's population. State offiing on the floor. It seems they were cials have been actively campaigning over the last 10 years to bring in Japanese businesses.

COUP: Venezuela Troops Defeat Attack on Presidency Kennedy Nephew tion from Caracas residents after Dalmiro Rangel, a university stu-

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in one of the main conference

The floors and driveways of the building were carpeted with broken glass, while the metal gates to the palace were twisted like chicken wire after being rammed by a tank. Nearby was the wrecked heap of a police car smashed by one of the rebels' armored vehicles.

Mr. Pérez, 69, went on nationwide television five times in the carly morning hours to rally sup-port for his government. He said that rebel units led by a paratroop him.

The attack occurred about an hour after he returned to the convitry from an international economic conference in Dayos, Switzerland. There was little sense of jubila-

nomic austerity policies - and a series of corruption scandals might yet doom Venezuela's 34year-old democracy.

Mr. Pérez's first presidential term, from 1974 to 1979 was characterized by a great increase in oil wealth, but his administration was tarnished by corruption scandals, and he was nearly impeached.

five-year term in 1988, opposition corruption in contracts for construction, roads and other state projects. But no specific charges have been made.

dishonesty, I saw this coming,"

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dent, said in an interview in Cara-

lestino Armas, said that the coup attempt would not interrupt oil production or the country's daily exports of 1.9 million barrels.

of Venezuela has created tension

In addition, the army, like much of the country, has seen its wages shrink dramatically because of inflation over the past decade.

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Mr. Smith, 31, a nephew of Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Demo- of the Soviet Union," he said, "the raped a woman in Florida. He said place." then that he would enroll in the

gin last June.

February. Mr. Smith, a graduate of the Georgetown University Medical School, had been scheduled to be-

Fein, said three people were killed, including Paddy Loughran, 60, the

doorman who allowed the gunmen all hit at point-blank range." inside. Mr. Adams said two were

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Decline and Fall Of Seedy Shaman

By Michael Billington anational Herald Tribune

ONDON - I have always thought monologues a peculiarly self-denying theatrical form, but two enings this week show how they can be used either to achieve a poetc sense of mystery or to evoke the poignancy of spiritual loneliness.

The richer of the two is undoubt-

odly Brian Friel's "Faith Healer" at the Royal Court. First seen on Broadway 13 years ago with James Mason, it takes an extraordinary form: four monologues from three characters. The first and last come from Frank Hardy, who is both seedy showman and traveling shaman. They describe a miracle cure he effected one cold night in Wales and his fatal homecoming to his native Irish town of Ballybeg where he tested his healing powers beyoud endurance.

Between times we hear from his wife, Grace, who gives us her version of the events and of the burial of her still-born child in a lonely Scottish field, and from Teddy, Frank's small-time show-biz promoter, who explores his own complex relationship with this religious roadshow.

. In part, this is an Irish "Rasho-— a multi-viewpoint drama that mysteriously keeps the story moving forward. But Friel is doing several other things in this marvel-ous, spellbinding play. One is to delve deeply into the theme that has preoccupied him for the last 30 years up to and including "Dancing at Lughnasa": The equal treachery of exile and homecoming for the native Irishman.

UT I also see the play as a metaphor for the writer's perennial insecurity about the source and quality of his inspiration. According to Grace, Frank suffers permanently from "a feard between himself and his talent" and feels compelled "to recreate everything about him" by treating the halt and the lame as fictions. Is Frank's tortured self-doubt about his faith healing not precisely that of the creative artist who never knows where the next miracle is coming

Intimidating in prospect, the play is riveting in performance; in-deed Joe Dewling's production; halling from the Abbey Theatre in Dublin, contains some of the best Square-jawed, slack-tied and with the pallor of the permanently hungover, Donal McCann's faith healer up the spirits of the dead.

is a man who finally surrenders to an implacable fate.

Sinead Cusack as Grace offers a beautiful study of twilit sadness and loving despair. But the finest performance comes from Ron Cook as Frank's promoter, addressing the audience as "Dear Heart" and reminiscing about his former piping dogs and pigeon acts. At the same time, there is an aching sense of solitude about his exclusion from his clients' private lives and from Frank's mysterious gift. A magnificent evening.

Solitude is also at the heart of Alan Bennett's "Talking Heads" at the Comedy: a stage version of three monologues originally written for television and adroitly performed, as they were on the box, by the writer and Patricia Routledge.

But where Friel's monologues gradually disclose a hidden play, Bennett's are more like short stories. And, where on television they seemed miracles of pathos, their delicate texture is coarsened when they are played in front of a heartily guffawing West End audience.

That said. Bennett combines an intuitive understanding of loneliness with a sharp eye for social detail. Routledge firstly plays a bustling office busybody who, when hospitalized with stomach cancer, comes to understand the depth of her solitude. Later she appears as a compulsive, poisonous tter writer who finds a new lease of life in the communal warmth of prison. In between, Bennett touchingly plays a mentally-retarded mother's boy driven to Oedipal fury when his 72-year-old mum takes a fancy man.

At its best, Bennett's writing has a melancholy truth as in his unforgettable image of the loving son uncomplainingly washing his mother's stockings in the kitchen sink.

It's back to earth with a bump with the arrival of "The Cotton Club" at the Aldwych; the eighth compilation-musical to hit the West End and, in this case, a faintly tacky tooring-show (already seen in the Netherlands and Germany) that feebly attempts to evoke the famous Harlem night club in its '30s heyday.

There are a few good moments when Marcel Peneux imitates the twinkling-toed skill of Bill (Bojangles) Robinson; but, then, when did you ever see a bad tap-dancer? For the rest, we get a ludicrous love story background, some maudible renderings of great songs and the general impression of a showbiz scance that has failed to conjure



Alice Brock and Arlo Guthrie, reunited, in front of the church they made famous.

Alice and Arlo: A '90s Reunion

By Philip Crawford
International Herald Tribune

E made her famous, but the force of her own personality kept her that way, at least to the tourists who flocked to the sleepy Berkshire hills to eat in her restaurant where, according to his song, you could get "anything you want."

For the generation that opened its ears in the 1960s, Arlo Guthrie and Alice Brock will forever be linked, their friendship a symbol of that era's somewhat gushy idealism when living life by the heart, oot by the wallet, seemed possible. More than 20 years later, listening to a scratchy recording of "Alice's Restaurant" still evokes vivid memories of time and place.

The two were reunited last week on the site where it all started, the church in Housatonic, Massachusetts, where Alice once lived and where she cooked the "Thanksgiving dinner that couldn't be beat." The occasion, in a way, says a lot of things about the long road from the 1960s to the '90s: the opening by Guthrie of a nonprofit foundation that will provide personal care and support for AIDS sufferers and their families, as well as foster musical and artistic

The building has even been given a new name: "The Guthrie Center at Alice's Church." "The 'Guthrie' is for my father, not me," said Arlo, "and even though the building is really Trinity Church, everyone I know still thinks of it as being Alice's."

Brock has followed a circuitous route back to

dies in nearby Glendale. Known for her fiery temper, she was also famous for standing be-hind her tie-dyed restaurant employees; waitresses, in fact, were often scared to complain to her about rude people because, more than once, Alice had stormed out into the dining room, whisked half-eaten plates of food off a table, and told humiliated diners to get the hell out until they had learned some manners.

The third and last Alice's Restaurant, opened in 1976, was a giant step up the ladder of haute cuisine, located in a farmhouse across the street from Tanglewood, the summer home of the Bostoo Symphony Orchestra in Lenox, Massa-chusetts. Linen tablecloths, silver cutlery, sparkling crystal, a pricy wine list; it all catered so much to the moneyed folk who came to the Berkshires for rural New England charm as to seem to contradict former ideals. But the staff, indeed much of the artsy local clientele, still managed to feel superior to the urban lawyers, doctors and accountants who had "sold out" and were now returning, or so it seemed, in search of lost hipness if not lost poverty.

N sultry summer nights, Alice's entrance into the packed dining room or bar would stop the joint cold, as people craned to gawk at hippie royalty. Alice was usually tanned, regally draped in black, and toting a tumhler of Southern Comfort. The local papers were always reporting one "Brock vs. Town" story after another.

In those days, Arlo would stop by now and then and play a few songs in the bar. His appearances were rare and serendipitous, howthe scene of her fame. After the 1969 movie version of "Alice's Restaurant," she closed the tiny, back-alley catery in Stockbridge that had inspired the song, and opened slightly fancier

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The center's focus, however, will be AIDS. "We'll send volunteers into homes with AIDS to clean, run errands, keep someone company. or whatever needs to be done," Guthrie said. No person, or oo family, should have to face this disease alone."

For Alice, who moved to Cape Cod when the fragile Berkshire economy forced the closing of her third restaurant in 1979, it was the first time back to the church since the old days. "It's still full of the old spirit," she said. She cooks in a Cape restaurant during summers, and has published several books, among them "My Life as a Restaurant" and "How to Massage Your Cat." Another, tentatively titled, "Ask the Mystery Chef" is due out this year.

She and Arlo have remained friends, and her presence in the church for the foundation's mangural turned a lot of heads, according to people who were there. Almost as noticed was her old oemesis and longtime pal, retired Stockbridge police chief William Obanhein - better known as "Officer Obie" - who poked his head in the door just as Arlo had finished leading the crowd of more than 300 in the singing of "Amazing Grace."

Part of the night's agenda was a reconsecration ceremony for the building, something Al-

ice said gave her special pleasure.

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But to many Japanese, the 48-story city hall, which opened last year, really symbolizes the ostentatious overstretch of a newly rich nation. The building is known here as "Tax Tower," because cost overruns brought the total bill to more than \$1 billion. Indeed, building the model used in the film cost \$700,000, Toho Studio says.

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growing exports and increasing economic power have become a global concern. Thus the time travclers have decided to crush Japan in 1992, before it can achieve fiscal hegemony over the world.

The film opens in the year 2204, flashes back to the Marshall Islands at the height of World War II (where one of Godzilla's ancestors is seen squashing a hapless platoon of U.S. Marines), jumps ahead to 1992, and ends with King Ghidora nursing a severed head and Godzilla safely back on his home island

Since the mutant's debut in the

Toho Studio produced the first Godzilla movie in 1954. It tells the story of a languid, laid-back lizard on the Pacific island of Eniwetok; a S. nuclear bomb test on the island makes the lizard mutate into a 50,000-ton Tyrannosaurus-like di-

Godzilla, known here as "Gojee-ra," a combination of the words for "gorilla" and "whale," was intended to be a symbol of the evils of ouclear power. Fortunately for Toho, it also became a popular success, in Japan and in the United States. Sequels followed. The oew movie is expected to open in the United States early next summer

N addition to the memorable "Godzilla vs. King Kong" (1962), the dynamic dinosaur has fought a mutant jumbo shrimp ("Ebira"), a mutant penguin ("Gaigan"), a mutant moth with a bewitching siren call ("Mothra"), a revolting hunk of sea slime ("Hedra"), and a mechanized, robot version of himself ("Mechagodzilla"). King Ghidora, the three-headed, two-tailed flying monster of this year's movie, first fought Godzilla nearly 30 years ago in the 1964 epic "Earth's Greatest

Nuclear weapons remain a concern in the new Godzilla movie. King Ghidora starts out as a rather adorable little bat that turns into a menacing three-headed threat after exposure to an atom bomb test. Over the years, however, nuclear

fallout has receded as a danger, to be replaced in the Godzilla movies by other current geopolitical problems. In his last appearance, the bizarre 1989 film "Godzilla vs. Biolante," the dinosaur battled a mutant giant rosebush while the script dealt with the threat of environ-

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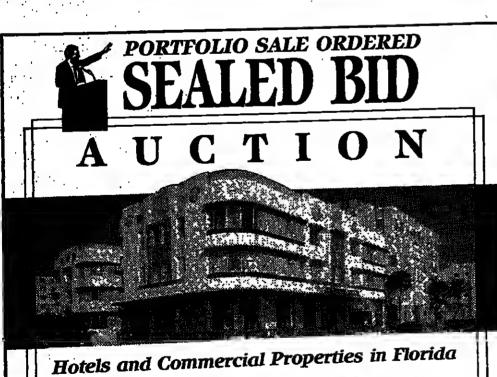
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A Challenge for Serbia

Krajina is a prime piece of the puzzle that must be solved in order to settle down ropeans, close by the unrest, have a nervous neighbor's interest in this goal, and Americans a less argent but friendly one.

600,000 Serbs live. Ready now to cool a conflict he earlier heated, Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic accepts a United Nations plan by which the contesting armed forces in disputed areas would be replaced by UN peacekeepers. But in the self-declared Serbian Republic of Krajina, President Milan Babic prefers to keep, if not the Serbian army, then his own irregulars in control. His clearance is the last needed to move in the peacekeepers. Without it, the United Nations cease-fire is in trouble.

Here is the dilemma of Croatian selfdetermination. From a distance, "Croatia" looks like an integral territory easily broken

Since the question of the Serbian minority in Croatia did as much as anything to trigger the Yugoslav war, the small and what about those Serbs in Croatia who to obscure enclave of Serbs in Croatia called this day have not received constitutional guarantees of their minority rights and who in any event resist living in other than a Europe's troubled Balkan corner. The Enropeans, close by the unrest, have a nervous client, Mr. Babic of Krajina, a "powerans a less urgent but friendly one.

hungry warmonger." Recognition of Krajina is where most of Croatia's jina's right to self-determination would amount to dismemberment of Croatia and would build in an irredentist cause. But how is its claim to secession or independence any less worthy than Croatia's?

The UN plan is a plan for a cease-fire, not a political settlement. But it respects the essential notion that the internal borders between the new entities of the old Yugoslavia should not be changed by force. Kraima is not only demanding independence from Croatia, it is trying to force a change in Croatian borders. This is an explosive development, and the first responsibility for halting it falls to Serbia.

THE WASHINGTON POST.

Humanity for Haitians

In ordinary circumstances, the United States cannot admit every Haitian who arrives on its shores seeking a better life, but today's circumstances are not ordinary. It cannot decently force terrified asylum-seekers to return to the hell their homeland has become. Since the Supreme Court lifted a restraining order on Friday, the Bush administration has seemed intent on shipping Haitians home. Congress needs to retrieve America's reputation for compassion by

quickly approving emergency legislation. Hait has long been the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation. Its people have been willing to risk danger, detection and deportation for the opportunity to work in America. Haitian immigrants have made a positive contribution to American society. But allowing in all who want to come would be unfair to the thousands of people from other impoverished, more distant countries who patiently wait their turn for legal admission.

Since a violent coup late last year, Haiti has become the hemisphere's most dangerous nation as well as its poorest. Armed thugs terrorize poor neighborhoods, trying to crush support for exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. More than 1,500 people have perished, Amnesty International reports. The Bush administration, hoping to dislodge the military regime, supports a trade embargo that adds to the privations of Haitian life.

But even as the administration tries to force political change in Haiti, it has sought court permission to ship back all fleeing Haitians who do not meet the narrow legal requirements for asylum. Those requirements involve a demonstrable fear of direct personal victimization, but not, say, a reasonable fear of being caught up in the deadly violence being unleashed by the military re-

gime. The administration's own reasonable fear is that once word reaches Haiti that people are not being turned back, an unman-ageably massive flight will begin. And it worries about alienating Florida voters with an immedation of Haitians in an election year. Those are real risks. But with safeguards like temporary sanctuary, both humanity and prudence can be served.

Further court tests lie ahead, but the Coast Guard is now free to repatriate most of the 12,000 Haitians held at Guantanamo, Cuba. The situation in Haiti is particularly turbulent, yet the administration seems deter-mined to move quickly. That leaves it up to Congress to show the compassion that America has displayed for Cubans, Vietnam-ese and others in a similar predicament.

A bill introduced on Monday by Representative Romano Mazzoli would grant Haitians now in U.S. custody a "temporary protected status." It would hold up involuntary repatriations until the president could certify that a democratically elected government was again securely in power in Haiti. If Congress moves quickly, the bill could be on the president's desk in days.

An early return to democratic government may seem unlikely under Haiti's present circumstances, But it is the formal objective of U.S. diplomacy, If that is no longer a realistic goal, America's entire policy toward Haiti needs to be rethought, and strengthened.

Haiti's nascent democracy has been hijacked by thugs, some of them apparently involved in drug dealing. Good policy and good politics argue against the Bush administration acquiescing in their rule. Common bumanity argues against America forcing people back into their bloody hands.

A U.S. Flop in Seville?

major goals of the Bush administration. So aggressive Commerce Department. is standing toc-to-toc with Japan in com petition for markets. These purposes are turned to its Trade Ministry and named as likely to be undermined by the American paviling at Expo '92, the world's fair in Seville marking the 500th anniversary of the first Columbian voyage. Come April, visitors will find that the

U.S. pavilion consists of two hand-medown geodesic domes. A restaurant featuring American food is operated by a Canadian company. In a scathing New Republic article, John Indis contends that the United States will be outshone by Japan, New Zealand, Sandi Arabia, Hungary, Canada, Puerto Rico and all major European states.

Why? More ambitious plans were cut to the bone by Congress, forcing recourse to domes that had been used for years at routine trade shows. But the rest of the the American pavilion may convey indifferhlame falls on the administration, which assigned the project to the second-tier U.S.

Promoting exports and creating jobs are Information Agency rather than the more

laking the lair more senously, Ja commissioner the industrialist Akio Monta. chairman of Sony. The U.S. commiss Frederick Bush, a former fund-raiser for the president (but no kin) who so far has a relatively slim list of 25 corporate sponsors. He says companies like Time-Warner, CNN and Du Pont "considered themselves global and transnational and didn't want to be pegged as an American company." Devastatingly, he says he was told that "the products they sell will not be seen as high quality if they are seen as American."

An opportunity to fill the fair's largest tract with a display worthy of a dynamic nation on a momentous anniversary has so far been lost. Barring last-minnte energy, ence, weariness and decline.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Violence on the Screen

In the language of urban America, the reads: "Juice Power, Respect How far will word "jnice" refers to influence that is often you go to get it?" The question's implicit won through violence or intimidation. The guy with the most juice is the guy who is most likely to have guimed down a rival in the street. "Juice" is also the name of a movie stage a robbery in which one murders a that opened to shoot-outs and knifings in a half-dozen cities. The danger is sufficiently great that Paramount Pictures underwrites extra security for movie houses where the film is shown. There were similar outbreaks at the openings of John Singleton's "Boyz 'N the Hood" and Mario Van Peebles's "New Jack City," two other films that dealt with

urban violence by young black men. Movies about raw urban violence are a necessary part of the American experience. But films like "Juice" are clearly packaged to appeal to the most violent segments of the audience. Hollywood needs to change those marketing tactics before the violence

makes showings impossible. True, most of the violence happened outside the theaters and much of it was proba-marketing strategists. It is fine for these films bly carried out by people who never saw to embrace the language and music of the paign was plenty. The poster shows four young black men above a caption that

answer is, as far as necessary.

storekeeper. He also kills a friend from the robbery crew, and tries to murder the remaining two. The director, Ernest Dickerson, intended to condemn senseless killing. He failed. "Juice" compounds a problem evident in its predecessors: It is so caught up in the culture of violence that it treats the moral consequences as an afterthought.

Similar things could be said of other violent films, like "Terminator 2" or the latest installment of "Nightmare on Elm Street." But those unrealistic films do not draw gun-toting moviegoers. The difference is that "hince" and its cousins dwell on specific forms of violence that their audiences know well and even participate in. That link calls for restraint, especially from "Inice." They did not have to; the ad cam-streets, but Hollywood needs to take special care not to embrace the violence as well.

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They Can Get Chemicals If They Wish

By Enrico Jacchia

R OME — A year ago, when Iraq began firing missiles at Israel and Saudi Arabia, the question was whether the Iraqis were capable of filling the Scud warheads with lethal chemicals. At allied coalition headquarters in Saudi Arabia, there was no doubt that Iraq had produced chemical weapons of some sort.

Mustard gas had been used, with lethal effect, against Iranian troops and against Iraqi Kurds during the Iran-Iraq War. But there was no evidence that Baghdad possessed significant quantities of the far more deadly nerve gas.

Today the answer is clear. The Iraqis have produced an amazing amount of the most sophisticated and lethal chemical agents. The evidence comes from inspectors of the special commission established last year by the United Nations, under Resolution 687, to monitor the "elimination of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, in-

cluding all chemical weapons."

By the end of last year, 24 UN missions had been undertaken, including six for chemical and two for biological inspection. They covered more than 100 facilities, including dozens not declared by Iraq. At the beginning it seemed an almost impossible task. The inspectors were constantly watched, and the Iraqis would remove material and equipment before the UN teams could reach a suspicious location.

The situation changed swiftly when the Americans lost patience, told Baghdad that the UN teams would be using helicopters, and admonished Saddam Hussein not to shoot them down. At a meeting in Geneva of the Chemical Weapons Committee of the Pugwash Conference, leaders of some of the UN missions, including some who had just returned from Iraq, have described the revolutionary effect of the introduction of helicopters. The major find-



ings about prohibited weapons activities came as a result of those inspections coming suddenly and unimpeded from the sky. .:

These are, up to now, the astonishing figures: 46,000 pieces of filled munitions, several hundred tons of nerve agents (a few milligrams can kill a person), a big production and storage complex and a large number of military sites throughout the country. Corrosion in some of the chemical bombs and shells indicated that they were probably produced in the early '80s.

This latter finding throws a key question into stark relief. How could a developing country, thought to lack any serious scientific and technical skill in military production, fabricate for almost 10 years some of the most sophisticated weapons of mass destruction without the world knowing?
What can we expect from other countries eager to
throw their weight around, in the Third World or
elsewhere? What lessons can be drawn?

The sudden, unannounced inspections in Iraq were the most effective instrument the UN inspectors had. The International Atomic Energy Agency, whose announced inspections over 15 years failed to discover the Iraqis' impressive

nuclear program, should learn from this. And Iraq's chemical wespons and facilities must be destroyed. This is an urgent problem but also a daunting task, if environmental protection stan-

dards are to be respected.

If Iraq has been successful in producing chemical weapons, it lacks any proven technologies and equipment to destroy them. The destruction of U.S. and Soviet chemical stocks, it is estimated, would require 10 to 15 years. If Saddam remains in power, the civilized world could hardly wait that long for his stocks to be destroyed.

The more so as the Soviet successor states might lose control of their own chemical weapons stocks. Huge amounts of nerve gas are stored, mainly in Russia, but also in Kazakhstan, where major nu-clear sites are concentrated, and in other republics of the former Soviet empire. Thousands of scientists and technicians have lost their jobs.

World attention is focused on the nuclear threat, but the spread of lethal chemicals and the diaspora of skilled Soviet scientists could aggra-vate an already serious situation in Iraq. It could make the world an even more dangerous place.

International Herald Tribune.

Big Games, or How Not to Learn to Love the Bomb At that point, the chiefs, with other

OSLO — Boris Yeltsin's recent declaration that Russian missiles would no longer be targeted on American cities brians back memo-nes of the years in the 1900s when I was involved with U.S. planning for

a nuclear Armageddon. During a visit to a nuclear test site in Nevada, I noted that the local cinema was showing the Stanley Kubrick film "Dr. Strangelove: Or, How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb." It occurred to me that if anyone thought the movie presented a disturbing view of nuclear conflict, it was nothing compared to what the real thing would be like.

The insanity of nuclear planning became clear to me when the State Department lent me to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for several years. There I found highly capable officers trying with little success to make sense of the irrational concept of nuclear war.
While at the State Department, I

had been briefed on the SIOP, or Single Integrated Operational Plan - the Joint Chiefs' general nuclear war plan. These briefings gave an idea of the options: essentially either to attack targets. Even the attack on purely mili-tary targets would have killed tens of millions of Russians while using more than half the U.S. nuclear arsenal.

Just how the plan would unfold became clear to me after I was invited to sit in on a "Rock for a Quick Time" exercise. The Rock is an underground headquarters, not far from Washington, run by the army. A Quick Time exercise was one that ran through an entire nuclear war in an hour.

After a flight by helicopter from the Pentagon, we drove through a long tunnel to a command center in the heart of a mountain.

By John Ausland

Once we were seated in an auditorium, an officer addressed us. "Gen-tlemen," he said with irony in his voice, "you will now see what could happen when that glorious day ar-rives and we implement the SIOP."

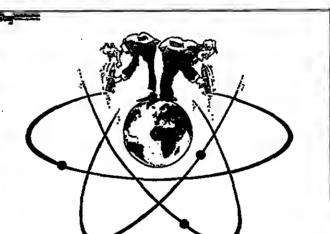
The scenario began with a warming that Soviet missiles were on the way. U.S. forces then launched a counterattack on Soviet military targets. When it became clear that the Soviets were also attacking American cities, U.S. forces responded in kind.
In an effort to add reality to the

scenario, the military commanders at one point had difficulty communicating with the "president." He was in a helicopter, flying to an air base to board Air Force One, whence he would conduct the war as long as his plane could stay aloft. (This, of course, depended on the survival of planes able to do the refueling.) Later, back at the State Department, I was invited to participate in the Joint Chiefs' annual general m-CIERT WAT EXERCISE.

The four-day exercise began in the National Command Center in the Pentagon. The Joint Chiefs were seated at a long table, with the rest of us behind them. Two officers took turns briefing the chiefs.

Then an alarm sounded, and the announcement came that Soviet missiles were on the way. It was impossible then to know what kind of attack it was - whether military bases and industrial sites were the prime targets, or whether cities, too, would be hit. With the air force chief of staff

taking the lead, the chiefs agreed to recommend a full counterattack to the president. As provided in the exercise script, whoever was acting the president's part at the other end of a telephone line replied that only military targets would be attacked.



Now Break Down the Nuclear Issues

TONDON — There is every reason to fear the nuclear consequences of the breakup of the former Soviet Union, but hitting the panic button will not help. The problem can be tackled if certain conditions are met -particularly now that Bons Yeltsin has made clear that he intends to speed up nuclear disarmament.

The first condition is that distinc-

tions be made among the principal ssues at stake. · Of utmost urgency are the re-

grouping and deactivation of tactical anclear weapons dispersed outside Russia or in far-flung depots in es-sentially stable in far-flung depots in es-sentially stable in far-flung and flunds. This can be done within months.

• Of growing importance is the problem posed by large numbers of highly trained nuclear specialists who see themselves forced to seek a livelihood outside a collapsing economy.

 The disassembly and destruction of the large number of tactical and strategic nuclear warheads that Moscow has committed itself to destroy by treaty or unilaterally will take years. This should also involve the dismantling of those uncounted warheads which the former U.S.R. had put in storage as they ceased to be deployed. These older weapons, with their primi-tive locks, make an enticing target for

seizure by unanthorized groups.

• The safe storage and disposal of the remnants of deactivated nuclear weapons will be an even longer-lasting endeavor. The resulting plutonium and enriched uranium will have to be kent under close and reliable storage, pending eventual neutralization.

 There is a danger of former Soviet-controlled strategic missiles being seized by Kazakhstan, Ukraine or Belarus before they are eliminated under the START treaty. The best guarantee for Russia is to gain the confidence of the newly independent republics by avoiding confrontational policies.

Carrying out all this will require having a clear picture of the numbers of nuclear weapons and their locations. Maybe Moscow has made such an audit. If so, the outside world needs to know its results. The second condition for success is By François Heisbourg

to mobilize the full array of available institutional, technical and financial resources. Here Russia has the first role to play, since it has a major stake in retaining control. Moscow has the technology and the specialists to cope with many of these challenges. Russia has a theoretical capability

of dismantling up to 1,500 warheads a year; but this number is small compared to the 27,000 or so operational warheads on former Soviet territory, and the untold number of retired weapons. Russia can use help, notinflamming its cool reaction to offers of French technical assistance and its confused response to U.S. offers of \$400 million in aid for disarmament.

The West am help Russis and the other republics pay those nuclear specialists required to speedily deactivate and store nuclear materials, and it can provide technical aid to enhance security and safety at storage sites. The United States and France can contribute to the expansion of Russia's limited dismantling capability.

The sums involved in helping clean up the nuclear consequences of the Cold War in the former Soviet Union are not necessarily immense, particularly for the most urgent measures — perhaps in the low billions of dollars.

Local currency could be used to pay salaries to Russian auclear experts, or to fund the purchase of local technology. A large share of foreign aid could be made in the form of debt conversion — in effect, a debt-fornuclear-security swap, thus alleviating the considerable debt burden of Russia and other affected republics. The United States, France and Britain could all provide technical assistance. Given the sensitivity of

know basis. Agencies or countries lacking the expertise need oot be made privy to its inner workings. It would, however, be in the interest of all that technical and financial efforts be coordinated. Otherwise, du-

nuclear military technology, such aid

will have to be provided on a need-to-

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areas, and absence of effort in others. The G-7 group of industrialized countries could provide this coordination. In practice, the European Community and the United States would be the focal points of the international effort. Only the EC - which is already coordinating aid to Central Europe - and the United States have the bureaucracies to handle such a program.

The International Atomic Energy Agency would provide an appropriate political umbrella, underscoring the global nature of the issues involved. Its system of safeguards could apply to nuclear materials storage sites in Rus-sia. This can be done by if the IAEA budget, now about \$200 million a year, is greatly increased. At a time when nuclear proliferation is one of the major threats to international se-curity, it is amazing that the IAPA's budget has not grown in five years. Russian leaders will also have to accept IAEA oversight — just the sort of international involvement that

Russians have often seen as being one-sided and humiliating.
The Russians have a point. The international community can deal with it by respecting the basic principle of reciprocity that was applied in the arms control treaties of the '80s and early '90s: What applies to the gander should apply to the goose. If

Russia conducts a nuclear audit, it would not hurt the United States, France or Britain to do likewise. Similarly, if materials left over from dismantled Russian nuclear weapons were stored under international auspices, why not do the same

in other nuclear states? In the same way that Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Belarus need to view the nuclear problem as a matter of global interest, the international community has to demonstrate its readiness to break loose from traditional concepts of national sovereignty to deal with the unwelcome nuclear legacy of the former U.S.S.R.

The writer is director of the International Institute for Strategic Studies. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune. matters awaiting them, left the exer-cise; the rest of us boarded helicopters for a flight to a U.S. Navy ship off the Maryland court — con of two ships then riseed as command centers. A naval officer escorted me to the

president's shipboard office, which was equipped with three television sets. When I looked puzzled, the officer reminded me that President Lyndon Johnson liked to watch the three television networks at the same time. This seemed a bit odd, since normal broadcasting surely would be inter-rupted during a nuclear war, but who was I to question the efforts of the U.S. Navy to please a president?
In an auditorium, I watched mili-

tary officers run through the phases of the SIOP. Although there were provisions not to attack East European countries that had declared neatrality. I commented that there was no provision to spare Moscow. The defense system around that city would ensure that it would be hit hard. Hence there might be no Soviet leaders left to talk to about ending the slaughter. (For whatever reason, after the exercise the option of not As the exercise unfolded, I noted

that the military men were most relaxed about when to use the missiles 'aboard submarines at sea. A decision regarding land-based missiles had to be made in a matter of minutes once it was determined that a Soviet attack was under way. A decision regarding bombers in the air had to be made within hours, before they ran out of fuel. Decisions regarding missiles at sea could wait for days.

Back at the Rock, after another helicopter trip, we continued the war — until most of the Northern Hemisphere was either in ruins or poisoned by nuclear fallout. All in all, it was a truly surreal experience.

What, from all this madness, might apply to today's situation - other than a firm conviction that indeed a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought?

If we want to reduce pressure on leaders in a crisis, the priorities for rolling back strategic systems would seem clear — land- and air-based systems, which impose the greatest pressure for quick use, should be the first to be cut back, and sea-based systems, providing the greatest cushion for calm reflection, should be held to the end.

The U.S. Air Force, however, has a strong aversion to surrendering its deterrence duties to the navy. And if we are to judge by President George Bush's comments in his State of the Union address, the American worship of the so-called triad derense will continue, if at lower levels.

The writer is a former director for planning in the Political-Military Office of the State Department. He contributed this comment to the Interna-tional Herald Tribune.

Not the Way . | Bull To Fight Terrorism By Steven Emerson

WASHINGTON — The most important terrorist ever to defect to the United States testified Tuesday before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. The appearance of Adnan Awad, a onetime member of the Iraqi-based Abu Ibrahim group, is part of a necessary effort to put pres-sure on the Bush administration to improve its counterterrorist program. The United States has treated Mr. Awad shabbily, and if officials want to induce more defectors to come to America they should listen to his tale.

Born in Palestine in 1942, Mr. Awad grew up in Syria, where he joined the Palestine Liberation Organization. He left for Iraq in the late 1970s and was recruited by Abu Ibrahim, who pioneered the use of suitcase bombs and altitude-sensitive timers, which at the time were impossible to detect by airport security. In 1982, Mr. Awad was sent to bomb a Jewishowned hotel in Geneva. It was his first assignment to kill and at the last min-ute he decided he could not go through with it. He turned himself in to the U.S. Embassy in Bern and told Ameri-

Can officials about the bomb concealed in a surcease lining.

A few weeks earlier, on Aug. 11, another member of Abu Ibrahim's cadre, Mohammed Rashid, planted a cadre, Mohammed Rasmo, planted a bomb aboard a Tokyo-to-Honolulu Pan Am flight that exploided shortly before landing. The blast killed a Japanese boy and wounded 26 other persons. Mr. Rashid was caught by Greek authorities in 1988 and last month was accorded to support the state of the stat convicted of murder in a trial in Greece in which Mr. Awad was chief prosecution witness. Supported by the PLO and given special jail privileges, Mr. Rashid has lived rather comfortably and will probably be freed in less than six years, according to Greek sources. Abu Ibrahim, meanwhile, is still safe in Iraq.

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Mr. Awad, for his part, has not fared all that well. Justice Department officials persuaded him to come to the United States in 1965 and then placed him in the Witness Security Program. In five years, Mr. Awad, who did not know English, was given more than a dozen identities and shipped from city to city. This was for his protection, but the program was intended chiefly for criminals and Mr. Awad began to feel like one.

Despite repeated promises, he never received a U.S. passport or papers so he could travel outside the United States. He cannot obtain visas for relatives in the Middle East whose lives have been

threatened by Iraq and the PLO.

Mr. Awad has been forced to live more like a criminal vagabond than a person who tried to save people's lives. In 1990, he left the Witness Security Program to take his own chances. White House officials, bent on normalizing relations with Iraq in the 1980s, no longer wanted to hear from Mr. Awad, who had a wealth of incriminating evidence on terrorism sponsored by Saddam Hussein.

There were U.S. officials who recogmized that lading delectors and halormants like Mr. Awad was an effective way to fight terrorism. These officials persuaded the government to join with the airline industry to set up a \$4 million counterterrorist reward program. A half-dozen informants have defected to the United States and been relocated. Intelligence officials esti-mate that at least a half-dozen attacks, which could have cost hundreds of lives, were prevented; more than a

dozen terrorists have been arrested. Two defectors came to the United States in the past six months after turning themselves in abroad many months earlier. One prevented a machine-gun and grenade attack on air-line passengers in Thailand a year ago. The second defector, a Libyan, was privy to activities of two Libyan agents indicted last November for the bombing of Pan Am 103.

Still, officials face hurdles in getting informants relocated to the United States. It took several agonizing months, for example, to admit the defector from Thailand. He was finally granted refugee status. The State Department counterterrorism program desperately needs authority to grant instant residency and to bring terrorist informants and their families to the United States.

A truly effective campaign against terrorism would strike at the economic ifeline of the states that foster terrorism. But something as simple as making it easier for defectors to live in the United States has treatmendous effects. Lives will be saved and the West will have won an important battle.

The writer, co-author of "Terrorist," writes frequently on the Middle East and national security. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: Sensational News

PARIS - A youthful French news agency pursues its devastating way, killing, burning and destroying all over the globe. Not long ago it killed some 1,500 soldiers in a railway accident. Then it burned down the town of Chimay in Belgium. What Chimay had done to merit this is not known, but the agency burned down "a whole quarter of the town" and "threatened" the palace of the Prince of Chimay. Humane persons will be glad to know that the people of Chimay never became aware of their disaster for the fire was so small.

1917: Break With Berlin

WASHINGTON - One could have beard a nun's cloister whisper yester-day [Feb. 3] when President Wilson. addressing a packed Congress, re-viewed the diplomatic correspondence between the United States and

seas, and announced in a plainly audible voice, free from the slightest tremor, that Count von Bernstorff had been informed of the complete severance of diplomatic relations. The assembly rose as one and wave after wave of applause shook the historical roofbeams. President Wilson was visibly affected by the ovation.

1942: Retreat in Africa

CAIRO - [From our New York edition:] British imperial forces were continuing their withdrawai across the Libyan desert tonight [Feb. 4] having evacuated Derna, a small sup-ply base some 160 miles from the Egyptian-Libyan border. Axis recocupation of Derna must be assumed. The 4th Indian Division has joined the main British forces somewhere on this side of Derna. The belief is pre-valent in Cairo that this will be the point of a more serious stand by the British. During the last few days the Germany, Germany's proclamation British have attempted nothing of a policy of piracy on the the high yound delaying rear-guard action. British have attempted nothing be-

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SAN FRANCISCO - President George Bush knows the names of almost all of Communist China's leaders, an achievement that he takes as testimony to his expertise on China. But does he also know the names of Chinese political prisoners who have their handcuffed hands ratcheted tight behind their backs, deliberately so tight that they cannot clean themselves after they have used the toilet bucket in their cells? In San Francisco I keep wondering

about that. And the other day when he ON MY MIND

shook hands with Prime Minister Li Peng of China, did Mr. Bush remember the names of any of the hundreds of young people shot dead around Tiananmen Square in 1989 — one?

That might have come in useful be-cause it was Mr. Li, acting for himself and for the rest of the Politburo, who had them killed.

Did President Bush, or any of the American businessmen who met with Beijing's prime minister and decided be was a decent fellow, know the name of a single Tibetan Buddhist monk among the thousands who were tortured or killed by this decent fellow Li and

his government? One?
I think about this in San Francisco because I have been talking with Nancy Pelosi. She is a calm, determined person skillful in her job as a member of the House of Representatives.

Ms. Pelosi, a liberal Democrat, uses her calm, determination and skill to try to liberate the political prisoners — and to liberate the United States and its president from a shameful China policy that has helped keep the prisoners where they are.

She is not alone. A majority of both houses of Congress have tried to change that policy by putting a pocketbook price on Communist viciousness in China. The House approved a bill worked

out by Ms. Pelosi and other members of Congress, both houses, both parties, left and right. The vote was a stunning, veto-proof 409 to 21. The Senate approved action too, but pressure from president and some Americans in the China trade blocked mustering a majority that could override a veto. Soon the senators will try again, which is where their constituents can knock.

pared down but it is based on an idea Mr. Bush has rejected so far. That is to use the \$15 billion trade balance in favor of Chi-

na as a pressure point for freedom, The Chinese owe that obese balance to convict labor and to American regula-

tions that permit Beijing the "most favored nation" status — the lowest available tariff rates. The bill says that to earn those rates in 1992, Beijing would have to free all Tiananmen prisoners; about 1,000 are believed to be still in the cells. And

actually end the transfer of long-range missiles to Syria and Iran. For all the rest, Beijing would simply have to show "progress" in granting free speech, press and religioo in China and Tibet, in giving "assurances" that it is

Beijing would have to stop lying and

not selling nuclear technology around the world and in ending convict labor. This "progress" provision is not tough enough to persuade today's Chinese Communist leadership to do anything in those fields but keep thumbing their noses at the United States. But it is being put that way to try to get enough Senate support to override a veto.

Still the legislation would be impor-tant for freedom. It would not really make decent chaps out of Mr. Li and the rest of today's Politburo. But they can count, and it might persuade them to release political prisoners as just not being worth the bottom line.

Also: Waiting for the old leaders to die off are somewhat vonnger Communist chieftains. They are the usual Communist mixture of bard-liners and "moderates" who think they can preserve the system with rather less murder and imprisonment.

If the Senate can override a veto, tomorrow's Communist leadership might understand that there is a minimum price of decency to be paid for American quiescence and maybe even make some real "progress."

Readers say that I suggest so often that they phone or write the White House and their members of Congress that their fingers are weary. But I do not know any other way to counter White House and business pressure against a bill that would bberate the political pris-

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Not the War Shaking Li's Bloody Hand, Elvis on Mars, Story to Come To Fight Did Bush Think of Them? By A. M. Rosenthal LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas — You may have be last time she was pregnant was in 1931. During the trial, several surprising admission were made under oath by officials of Globe Commiscations Inc. of Canada, which owns not abloids with their bizarre headlines: Where do munications Inc. of Canada, whost of American Surprising admission were made under oath by officials of Globe Commiscations Inc. of Canada, which owns not abloids with their bizarre headlines: Where do munications Inc. of Canada, whost of American Surprising admission of Canada, which owns not abloids with their bizarre headlines: Where do munications Inc. of Canada, whost of American Surprising admission of Canada, which owns not abloids with their bizarre headlines: Where do munications Inc. of Canada, whost of American Surprising admission of Canada, which owns not abloids with their bizarre headlines: Where do munications Inc. of Canada, whost of American Surprising admission of Canada, which owns not abloids with their bizarre headlines: Where do munications Inc. of Canada, which owns not abloids with their bizarre headlines: Where do munications Inc. of Canada, whost of American Surprising admission of Canada, which owns not abloids with their bizarre headlines: Where do munications Inc. of Canada, whost of American Surprising admission of

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Well, I can't tell you anything more than you probably already know about where the Star got its stories on my fellow Arkansan, Bill Clintoo, but thanks to a federal court trial in a remote Ozark mountain town in my state, we do know quite a bit about how at least one of these tabloids operates. It is quite a story in itself.

The suit involved Nellie Mitchell, who went to court in Harrison, Arkansas, in December against a

MEANWHILE

tabloid and ended up winning \$1.5 million in damages. Mrs. Mitchell sued after the Sun, a supermarket tabloid, printed her picture with a story head-ined: "World's Oldest Newspaper Carrier, 101. Quits Because She's Pregnant." Judge H. Franklin Waters has granted the Sun a stay of judgment and is

considering its motion for a new trial.

Ostensibly the story was about a female newspa per carrier in Stirling, Australia, who gave up her ob after she became pregnant by a millionaire on her oewspaper route. The problem was that there is no such place as Stirling, Australia, and no 101year-old newspaper carrier, pregnant or otherwise. The entire story was fabricated.

Change in Hungary

ion, Jan. 24);

Regarding "The East: Giant Steps, Giant Stumbles" (Opin-

Ivan Major presents his view of what be describes as the fight

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years a carrier for the Arkansas Gazette in Mountain Home, Arkansas. She is not 101, only 96, and

the last time she was pregnant was in 1931.

During the trial, several surprising admissions were made under oath by officials of Globe Communications Inc. of Canada, which owns not only the Sun but also the Globe. Most of America's supermarket tabloids are written and edited ocar Boca Raton, Florida, where there is a colony of Englishmen and Canadians who seem to have a fancy for this line of work.

Phillip Anderson, the Sun's Arkansas lawyer, was the first to admit that the story was fiction and that a mistake had been made in using the Nellic Mitchell picture. The newspaper's staff, he contended, did ot have to bother to check facts because it has a right under the First Amendment to make up stories and print them even if they are offensive.

Paul Levy, the Sun's chief counsel, who alternates with two associates traveling weekly from Chicago to Boca Raton to check every word in every edition, testified that all their stories were "fiction and fantasy and not meant to be taken as news."

But Manny Silver, the Sun reporter who wrote the story about the Australian newspaper carrier, said some of the stories in the Sun were true. When Mrs. Mitchell's lawyer, Sandy McMath, read off the headlines of some of the other stories that appeared in that particular edition of the Sun, however, Mr. Silver had trouble distinguishing the factual ones from the ones he had made up.

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Koltes's Legacy" (Features, Jan.

8) by Thomas Quinn Curtiss:



win World War II was not true, but be thought Farmer Becomes Millionaire Making Whips for

Wife-Beaters" was a factual story. Mr. Silver could not even be certain which stories were his, since neither he nor the other reporters ever used their real names in bylines. It was easy to see why they did not when he explained the

procedure the Sun follows.

The editors write the beadlines, then Mr. Silver and the other two reporters pick out the headlines they like and make up stories to go with them.

The Sun even has a name for this procedure "Top of the Head." This was revealed by the editor of the paper, John Vader, who, while describing most of the Sun's stories as "like science fiction," maintained that there was a "sprinkling of facts" in the Sun, and that when dealing with them the staff followed generally accepted journalism standards.

If so, Mr. McMath asked, how did he come to use picture of a real newspaper carrier from Arkansas to illustrate a story about an imaginary newspaper

carrier in a nonexistent Australian town? Mr. Vader admitted that be made the selection and said it was simply a mistake. A mistake not of ethics or procedure, to be sure, but rather the mistake of assuming that Nellie Mitchell was dead; after all, the picture he pulled from his newspaper library was dated 1980, and it said on the back that the subject was 80 years old when it was taken.

The dead, of course, cannot be libeled. No one could have been more surprised than Mr. Vader when Mrs. Mitchell contacted him to complain after the story and picture were published Even then, the Sun did not print a retraction until eight months later, three weeks before the trial.

Throughout the trial, witnesses for the Sun insisted that its readers (identified by Mr. Vader as working-class females, middle-aged and up) understand that most of the newspaper is fantasy.

How could that be, Mr. McMath asked the jury?

It looks like a newspaper, it is sold where other oewspapers are sold and there are oo warnings to indicate that what it prints is anything but news. What they do is mix fact with fiction for profit," he told the jury. They get away with it, almost never winding up

in court because their victims usually are movie stars who settle out of court for small amounts rather than submit to humiliating discovery or have

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Nellie Mitchell went to trial because she was not famous and had nothing to hide. She is a mother who reared six children on a newspaper carrier's income, and Mr. McMath declared that this trial was about "the theft of a mother's good name." Mrs. Mitchell was so embarrassed when the story came out that she refused to leave her house for several days rather than face repeated questions about when her baby was due.

With a circulation of 3 million and \$38 million annually in revenue, the Sun has the resources to check facts, Mr. McMath told the court, "They want it both ways," he said. "They want the protection of the First Amendment, bot they also want to be able to tell lies and exploit innocent people."

The jurors, the kind of hill people whom plaintiff

lawyers dread because they are generally so stings with damages, awarded Mrs. Mitchell \$650,000 for compensatory damages and \$850,000 in punitive damages for suffering invasion of privacy and out-rage that the jurors decided was "utterly intolerable in a civilized society," in the words the judge used in his instructions to the jurors.

What they will make of things as tabloids turn from Martians and movie stars to presidential candidates?

The writer was senior editor of the Arkansas Gazette, which ended operations last year just short of its 172d anniversary. He contributed this commen



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MEDIA MARKETS

U.S. Trade Journals Push Into the Overseas Arena

By Steven Prokesch New York Times Service

ONDON — Following in the footsteps of American general-interest magazines, U.S. publishers of trade and specialty journals are scrambling to expand abroad. Driven by recession at home and a perception of greater opportunities overseas, they are pursuing different strategies.

Calmers Publishing Co., the industry leader in the United States, hopes to make global publications out of about 20 of its

American journals.

Terrence M. McDermott, president of Cahners, expects their circulation in Europe and Asia to exceed 550,000 within five years, up from about 200,000 now. By comparison, the trade

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journals published by Cahners, which is a unit of Reed International PLC, now have a U.S. circulation of

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about 4 million The journals are aimed at managers and professionals in industries that are becoming global in ownership or in the

technology they use or sell, said Martin Fleming, a Calmers vice president. They include such journals as Variety, Control Engineering, Pollution Engineering, Datamation and Electronic Business.

Mr. Fleming said the company, which is based in Newton, Massachusetts, expects to spend "tens of millions of dollars over the next five years" on this international expansion.

Cahners plans to use its relationships with large U.S. companies with interests in Asia and Europe to gain a foothold in these markets. Some journals are being offered in various languages. But with the exception of inserts for individual markets, all will have the same editorial content.

Another publisher, Ziff-Davis Publishing Co., is creating indigenous magazines in large foreign markets for users and buyers of personal computers. These magazines are modeled after some of its seven successful American magazines.

OR EXAMPLE, PC Professionell, which Ziff-Davis began publishing in Germany in April, is modeled after PC Magazine in the United States. Because computer products vary from market to market, each magazine has a laboratory to conduct its own product-performance comparisons.

"Foreign competitors do not compare products as exhaustively and as profoundly as Ziff-Davis does," said Frank Kelcz, the company's vice president for Europe.

He predicted that the circulation of the Ziff-Davis magazines in Europe would total 580,000 by the end of 1992. The company's

journals have a circulation of about 3 million in the United States. Mr. Kelcz said the company's 1991-92 budget was about \$60

Mr. Kelcz said the company's 1991-92 budget was about \$60 million for creating these and other magazines in Germany, France and Britain. "But don't expect us to come out with an Albanian magazine," he said.

On the other hand, International Data Group Inc., a pioneer in foreign markets, just might. Of International Data's 170 information-technology journals, 145 are in 55 countries outside the United States, including the former Soviet Union, Romania and China.

"We probably started 25 publications overseas in the last 18 months and only a couple in the U.S.," said Kelly P. Conlin, head of marketing services. The company's journals have a circulation of 2.56 million in the United States and 3 million abroad.

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About 40 percent of International Data's \$620 million in revenue last year came from abroad. With markets like Eastern Europe and Latin America relatively undeveloped, International Data expects the international portion of revenues to rise to 60 percent within five years.

All of International Data's journals are very separate. While the foreign journals have access to each other's information, local editors decide which articles best suit their market. Each ma zine also develops its own circulation and advertising strategy.

The 12 nations of the European Community may be trying to get rid of commercial barriers between them by the end of 1992. But many American trade publishers think it will be some time before the Community will be ready for a pan-European trade magazine.

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Russia's Economic Sons Get a Scolding awesome economic problems with business and economic leaders from the West. By Tom Redburn International Herold Tribune

DAVOS, Switzerland - In a Russian saga straight out of Turgeney, a generation gap has emerged to divide the economic reformers who once advised the former Soviet president, Mikhail S. Gorbachev, from the younger economists who formulated the more radical plan being pursued by President Boris N. Yelisin of Russia.

"It's really a struggle between fathers and sons," said Marshall Goldman of the Russian Research Center at Harvard University. "The first generation of reformers is out of power and has mostly lost its influence. Their students are running away with the ball."

The sharp tension between the groups emerged clearly here at the World Economic Forum, which has become a popular annual gathering for politicians and technocrats from the former Soviet Union to discuss their

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
STUTTGART — The 6.4

upon in the steel industry will

hold down German economic growth to a real 1.5 percent this year, against the initially

forecast 2 percent, a leading

Rüdiger Pohl, a member of

Germany's Council of Eco-

nomie Advisers, said the big

wage settlement was "a mis-

Mr. Pohl said the Bundes-

bank would keep a tight rein

on monetary policy in the coming months if the 6.4 per-

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If remaining wage accords were moderate and inflation

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However, German trade unions served notice to em-

ployers that they viewed the

steelworkers' increase as a ba-

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(AFP, Reuters)

economist said Tuesday.

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mid-year, he said.

This year, while Yegor Gaidar, the 35-yearold economist who is serving as Mr. Yeltsin's economic and finance minister, was meeting privately in Washington with U.S. officials. his growing legion of critics have had the stage mostly to themselves.

These oew smart guys are judging their policy mostly from economic textbooks rather than real life," said Nikolai Shmelyov, professor at the Institute of USA and Canada Studies in Moscow and one of the pioneers of Soviet economic reform. "I like this new crowd. But they are much more brutal than we are. This is a highly painful surgical opera-

we are. This is a nightly painful strigical opera-tion without any anesthesia."

On Jan. 2, Russia launched a sweeping economic program of price liberalization, al-lowing prices on most goods to soar far above their previously controlled levels. At the same time, Mr. Yelisin's advisers vowed to practi-

cally eliminate government budget deficits this year in hopes of preventing hyperinfla-tion from destroying whatever value remains in the ruble.

Critics of the plan, including a wide array of economists and former political allies of Mr. Yeltsin such as Mayor Anatoli A. Sobchak of St. Petersburg, said the government should have opened land to private ownership and sold off state enterprises before freeing prices.

They argue that distribution and productioo of food and other basic goods are controlled by monopolies and criminal gangs of armed thugs who are under oo competitive pressure to deliver additional supplies or cut prices to consumers. Most average Russians cannot afford the sharp price hikes and must dip into their savings to survive.

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Pratt & Whitney Revs Up

By John Holusha New York Times Service

EAST HARTFORD, Connecticut — After losing much of the aircraft engine business to General Electric Co. during the 1980s, Pratt & Whitney appears to be making a

comeback. Lackadaisical customer service and erratic parts supplies are only bad memories. Now, a leaner company has a head start in the contest to supply a new generation of wide-body aircraft with the most powerful airline engines ever built.

Sales to airlines are critical to Pratt & Whitney and to its corpo-rate parent, United Technologies Corp., the second-largest U.S. aerospace concern after Boeing Co. take" that would put profits under pressure and in turn As military orders decline with the end of the Cold War and President George Bush lays plans for further cuis, Pratt is expecting to lay off thousands of workers. The iobs of thousands more depend on

winning civilian orders. Pratt's strategy is to match GE's lower production costs through internal efficiencies and internation-

Pratt and GE, with Rolls-Royce that engine sales could total \$20 billion over the decade.

Officials of Pratt & Whitney are hoping that the new PW4000 series will be the best-selling high-

powered engines. United Airlines, the initial customer for the new Boeing 777 wide body, chose them over the offerings of GE and Rolls-Royce to power a fleet of planes scheduled to fly in 1995. All Nip-pon Airways, formerly a GE cus-tomer, also chose the PW4000 for its fleet of 777s.

Last year, Pratt officials said they had won 39 percent of the firm or-ders for engines on wide-body air-

P&W aims to win the contest to supply powerful engines for a new generation of aircraft.

craft, compared with 49 percent for JE and 12 percent for Rolls-Royce.

Layoffs and plant closings, Pratt says, are part of an effort to become as efficient as GE. "We estimate that GE has had a 5 to 10 PLC a distant third, are vying to percent cost advantage over Pratt." power the large two-engine airlin-ers that are emerging as the domi-nant type. Some analysts estimate that engine sales could total \$20 producer by 1994.

Pratt & Whitney also is emulating GE by forging international al-liances to spread the cost and risk

of developing new engines. GE has parceled out 45 percent of its new engine project to French and Japa-

The chairman of United Techoologies, Robert F. Daniell, said that last year's deal to develop jet engines jointly with a subsidiary of Daimler-Benz AG exemplified

Because airplane and engine sales are politically influenced in many parts of the world, links to local companies give a supplier insider status and also help reduce outlays.

The new engines — capable of developing more than 90,000 pounds of thrust, compared with about 40,000 for engines on a Boeing 757 — reflect changes in the airline business.

Although the recession has reduced air travel, airlines and aircraft suppliers are optimistic about the longer-term trend. Because few oew airports are being built, airlines are buying bigger airplanes, to put more passengers on each avail-

able flight,

The Boeing 777 embodies the airlines' thinking. In an all-economy configuration, it can carry more than 400 passengers, second only to the huge 747 in capacity.

Both Bocing and Airbus Industrie, the European consortium, are discussing the possibility of building even larger planes, carrying 600 passengers or more, to fly early in the next century.

EC to Propose A Strategic Reserve of Oil

By Charles Goldsmith

International Herald Tribune
BRUSSELS — The European Community's energy chief will pro-pose creation of an EC strategic oil reserve to ensure adequate supply and prevent price speculation in times of crisis, officials said on

But stiff resistance is expected from several countries, so chances are slim for a rapid approval of the plan from Energy Commissioner António Cardoso e Cunha. One option under study calls for

"Communitarizing" some oil re-serves off Britain's North Sea coast through the Community's purchase of the underwater supplies, the officials said, although the idea was dismissed as Indicrous by British

authorities.

Mr. Cardoso also suggested that a strategic oil reserve might be financed by a proposed new EC en ergy tax. That would mark a sharp departure from current plans, which call for a "revenue-ocutral" tax collected by Community mem-ber states and offset by a reduction in other national levies.

"It is particularly important," Mr. Cardoso said at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, "to insist on the positive links between our strategy for fighting the problem of carbon dioxide emissions, including the tax, and the central objective of the international stability of the oil market."

He said the Community did not want prices to sink so low as to discourage investment in exploration and production.

Mr. Cardoso expressed vague interest in creating a strategic oil re-serve during the Gulf crisis, but his spokesman said that a formal pro-posal would be presented to the 17nember EC Commission within the next two months.

"It would give the European Community, apart from a strength-ened energy discipline, a reinforced credibility on the international oil market in partnership with the other major consuming countries," Mr. Cardoso said.

The commissioner did not specify how large the reserve might be.
"But it has to be large enough to 25 cents to \$18.41.

allow us to avoid a supply crisis, as the American reserve did during the Gulf crisis, and to prevent speculation in the market, so we can be a player on the supply side whereas

we're not now," his spokesman said.
The strategic reserve plan would require 8 unanimous vote of EC countries, diplomats said, and extremely rough sledding is expected. Several member states, including Germany, Britain and the Netherlands, feel that existing EC law requiring each country to maintain

90 days of reserves is sufficient. "Mr. Cardoso thinks the Community needs more so we can use it as a political weapon," said a diplo-mat from one of those countries. "We just don't think an EC strategie oil reserve is occessary. The Gulf war was a major crisis involving a major oil-producing area, and there was no disruption of supply in the Community,"

A British official said any EC scheme to convert North Sea sup-plies into an EC reserve "would raise immense technical and legal

"These are oil fields owned by private companies, and those not already licensed are controlled by the British government," he said. "The idea of putting a tap on these oil fields to turn them on and off according to political imperative is simply not in the cards."

Mr. Cardoso's speech marked the first time that a top EC official poblicly hinted that a tax designed to combat global warming might at some point be used to finance a specific Community project.

■ Iraq Calls Off UN Talks

Iraq has called off talks with UN officials on a possible resumption of oil sales because conditions imposed by the Scennity Council are too restrictive, Iraq's UN ambassa-dor, Abdul Amir Anbari, said Tuesday, Renters reported from the United Nations.

The news surprised oil markets and sent prices higher. Crude oil for March delivery gained 31 cents to \$19.27 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. In London earlier, March Brent Blend elimbed

Dividend Dawn? Light Is Growing

By Floyd Norris New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Notwithstanding highly publicized actions by Bethlehem Steel Corp. and Westinghouse Electric Corp., the oumber of companies providing bad dividend news to shareholders is rapidly fall-1289 **
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At the same time, the oumber of companies announcing higher dividends is on the rise. Oddly, in the past, such increases in good oews have often been followed by bad news on stock prices.

Figures released this week by Standard & Poor's Corp. showed that only 11 companies stopped paying dividends in Janoary. among them Bethlehem Steel. That figure was down from 28 a year earlier and from 18 in December, and was the lowest for any month since Angust 1989, well before the recession began.

There was also a drop in the number of companies cutting payouts to shareholders. There were just 11 such announcements, less than half the 24 companies that announced such moves in January 1990 and down from 16 in December.

One of the January announcements was made by Westinghouse, which last week cut its dividend by almost half, citing losses from its financial services operation. Similarly, the report showed that

124 companies announced dividend increases during the month, up from 112 a year earlier and 102 in December. That figure was the highest of any month since April 1990, also before the start of the recession, which officially began in in December. That figure was the ion, which officially began in July of that year.

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While the number of companies providing good news is up, the overall level of dividends for the S&P 500 has just begun to budge. The current indicated level of

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and followed each sign thereafter. month earlier but up 5 cents from would have seen a profit of 805 the end of November. That would percent through the end of last mean a dividend yield of 2.97 per-month, compared with 541 percent cent, a figure that is near the low

times moves up rapidly for a time, even after reaching such a level.

In 1987, the dividend return fell below 3 percent as early as February, but prices kept rising until August, by which time the return was down to 2.6 percent, the lowest in

Another indicator that could warn of trouble for stock prices is the dividend-dip indicator, which is based on comparisons of the oumber of companies raising payouts over a six-month period, compared with the period a year earlier.
Historically, the stock market
has tended to decline after the

More U.S. companies raised dividends in January than in any month since the recession started.

comber of companies raising payous begins to rise, and to rise when the number of companies increasing dividends is falling.

Over the last six months, 568 companies announced higher divi-dends, 12 more than in the period a year earlier. It was the first time the six-month comparison was positive since June 1989. A month later, the figure turned negative, providing a buy signal for stocks when the Dow Jones industrial average was at 2,660.66. That index ended January

at 3,223.39, a rise of 21 percent.

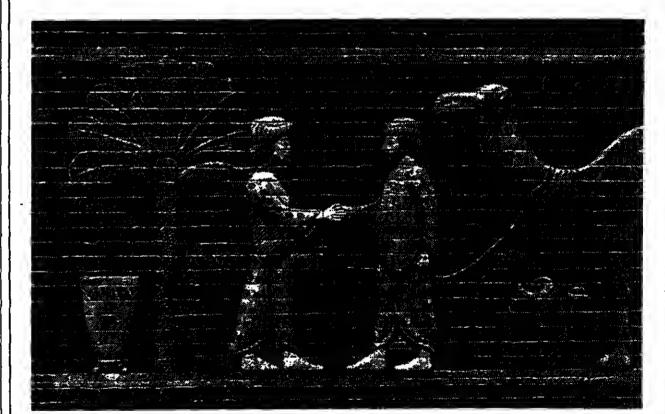
the end of February, when the Dow It was the fourth month of the was well below the peak it would last five in which more companies eventually reach before the market cates better performance for an inyear, at the end of June and Decem-ber. But an investor who followed every move would also have substantially outperformed the market

since the mid-1950s.

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Greenspan's Views Lift Stocks, Bonds

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches soft, then there's a likelihood the NEW YORK - A turnsround Fed will act." in the bond market, triggered by comments from Federal Reserve sure the bond market when he said Stock Exchange on Tuesday. The and might do more. Dow Jones Industrial Average

Reports of sharp gains in U.S. auto sales also lured buyers. The Dow Jones Industrial Aver-

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age ended 38.69 points higher at 3,272.81, edging out the previous high of 3,272.14 set on Jan. 28. Gainers led losers by nearly 2 to 1 on volume of about 232 million

Among the broad gauges, the New York Stock Exchange com-posite index rose 2.18 to 228.79 while Standard & Poor's 500-stock index climbed 4.32 to 413.85. The Nasdaq composite index also hit a record, climbing 7.75

points, or 1.2 percent, to 631.00. Alan Ackerman, executive vice president at Reich & Co., attributed much of the sharp advance to "the interpretation that Alan Greenspan is not against lowering interest rates again. If employment numbers on Friday turn out to be

Mr. Greenspan also helped reas-

Via Associated Press

The Dow

Daily closings of the Dow Jones industrial

chairman Alan Greenspan, helped the Fed had accelerated its purto ignite a rally on the New York chases of long-term debt in 1991 "The bond market really helped

climbing 1.2 percent to reach a re-cord high. the general market keep going, said Sid Dorr of Charles Schwab. Traders said the rally in stocks gathered steam as buyers snapped up auto, technology, banking and drug stocks. General Motors was the most

active issue on the Big Board, rising % to 34% after declaring Monday a 2-for-1 stock split and a 2-cent dividend increase to 18 cents a share on its Class E common stock.

Ford Motor followed, gaining 1/4 to 331/2. Chrysler was the fifth most active, climbing 11/2 to 161/2. General Motors and Ford both said late January U.S. sales were up 14.4 percent. Chrysler rose on ex-

pectations the company would re-port a smaller-than-expected fourth quarter loss later this week. Shares of Advanced Micro Devices gained 11/2 to 20%. The company said it knew of no reason for the activity in its stock, but noted that its chairman addressed a technology conference in New York on Tuesday. (Reuters, UPI)

Dollar Slips as Dealers Puzzle Over Testimony

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — The dollar finished mostly weaker Tuesday amid confusion over how to interpret remarks by the Federal Reserve chairman, Alan Greenspan, about the prospects for the U.S. economy.

The currency also weakened because the Deutsche mark continued to benefit from the German steel-

Foreign Exchange

workers' wage settlement. And traders were awaiting U.S. employment data for January, due on Friday, for a clearer view of the direc-

tion of the U.S. economy.

The dollar ended at 1.5930 DM, down from a close of 1.5998 on Monday, but up slightly at 126.20 yen, after 126.16.

Mark-yen cross-trading again dominated, traders said, with the German currency continuing its ascent against the Japanese unit. The mark closed at 79.22 yen, up from

the opening of 79.06 yen.
"The mark strengthened a bit against everything," said Richard Koss, vice president at Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. "Interest rate differentials are pretty favorable for the mark."

Mr. Koss said the market was little moved by Mr. Greenspan's testimony before the House budget committee. Currency traders said

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

Stock markets in Hong Kong and Singa-pore were closed Tues-day for a holiday.

financial markets were confused by his statements that the economy should pick up in the second quarter but that the central bank was still keeping its options open on further interest rate cuts.

Regarding the upcoming jobs data, lower-than-expected payroll figures could encourage the Fed to reduce interest rates further, which would cause the dollar to drop, traders said.

The dollar also ended at 1.4220 Swiss francs, after 1.4255, and at 5.4285 French francs, after 5.4550. The pound closed at \$1.8020, after Earlier, in London, the U.S. cur-

rency finished mostly lower in the wake of Mr. Greenspan's remarks. The dollar slipped to end at 1.5942 DM, after closing at 1.6000 Monday, but edged up to 126.15 yen, from 125.88

Robin Marshall, chief economist Chase Investment Bank, said Mr. Greenspan's comments had "given the market the impression the Fed will leave the policy bias toward easing at this week's FOMC meeting, but make no actual changes until it sees how the significant stimulus in December has worked."

The Federal Open Market Committee started its monthly policy meeting on Tuesday. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

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Perrier Disclosures Are Criticized

PARIS—A French regulatory body said on Tuesday it had found serious shortcomings in statements by Source Perrier SA, target of a takeover struggle between Nestle SA and Italy's Agnelli family. The ruling by the Commission des Operations de Bourse appeared

to strengthen Nestle's hand. The COB said it would pass its findings to commercial courts and to the Conseil des Bourses de Valeurs, the stock market self-regulator.

It said it also found shortcomings in statements by Perrier's former chairman, Gustave Leven, and Exor SA, which the Agnellis are taking over. The COB said the contradictory nature of the disclosures made it hard to pinpoint when Exor's stake in Pernier passed the one-third thresbold that requires a bid for two-thirds of the stock.

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Pepsico Reports Flat Earnings in '91

PURCHASE, New York (Combined Dispatches) — Pepsico Inc. on-Tuesday reported flat earnings for 1991 with a 2 percent increase in profit

The company said it earned \$1.08 billion in 1991, essentially the same in the fourth quarter. as the year before. Fourth-quarter earnings were \$271.1 million, up from \$265.9 million a year earlier. They reflected a \$57.4 million charge for restructuring in international snack-food units and reduction of management jobs in the Kentucky Fried Chicken business. (Reuters, AP)

Shearson Bails Out First Capital

NEW YORK (AP) - Shearson Lehman Brothers Inc. said Tuesday it would inject \$50 million into the ailing First Capital Life Insurance Co. and guarantee full value for all policyholders.

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The plan was prepared with California regulators, who seized First Capital last year. Shearson, a unit of American Express Co., is the largest investor in First Capital Holdings, the insurer's parent, holding 28 percent of its stock. Shearson, along with American Express, also agreed to reduce the percentage of junk bonds in First Capital's portfolio and to take over management of the Sen Diego hased incurred. take over management of the San Diego-based insurer.

Washington Post Profit Up 11.6%

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Washington Post Co. said Tuesday a favorable tax ruling had helped lift its fourth quarter earnings by 11.6 percent, but said its profit for 1991 fell 59.4 percent.

The company said its fourth-quarter net income was \$47 million on revenue of \$366.6 million, compared with \$42.1 million on revenue of \$369.4 million in 1990. The quarter's results reflected a gain of \$10 million due to a favorable Internal Revenue Service ruling.

For the year, earnings were \$70.8 million.

Sears Earnings Jump 35% in Quarter

CHICAGO (UPI) - Sears, Roebuck & Co. on Tuesday reported fourth-quarter earnings of \$513.1 million, up more than 35 percent from a year ago. The improvement would have been greater except for an accounting change that reduced earnings by \$39.5 million on an after-tax basis. Revenue rose 2.6 percent to \$15.97 billion.

Earnings for 1991 were \$1.28 billion, up 42 percent from 1990. But the

1991 results included a one-time after-tax benefit of \$134 million because of a change in tax accounting standards. Revenue rose 2,3 percent to \$57.24 billion.

Job Losses Sharper Than Thought

WASHINGTON (AP) — The declining U.S. economy in 1991 may have eliminated nearly twice as many jobs as previously estimated, a Labor Department official said Tuesday.

The department's widely tracked survey of employers showed nonfarm payroll jobs totaled 108.8 million in December, 782,000 fewer than a year earber. But, Martin Zeigler, an assistant commissioner in the Bureau of Labor Statistics, said revisions that will be incorporated into the survey by June likely will show an additional job loss of 650,000. Private economists said the revision would not change their view that

the economy will recover this year, because the changes were concentrated in the first three months of 1991, when the economy was at its weakest. In another employment-related development, Congress voted over-whelmingly Tuesday for a new 13-week extension of unemployment benefits. President George Bush is expected to sign the measure quickly.

For the Record

Eastman Kodak Co. posted a net loss of \$400 million in the fourth operator, citing a \$597 million after-tax charge essentially for an early retirement program, after a \$326 million profit a year earlier. (Reuters)

Apple Computer Inc. and Dell Computer Corp., slashed prices, with Apple announcing reductions of 9 to 37 percent on many Macintosh PC models and Dell cutting prices from 4 to 38 percent on its PCs. (Reuters) GTE Corp. reported a 10.6 percent increase in fourth-quarter net income, to \$481 million, on a 7 percent rise in revenue, to \$5.2 billion. (UP1)

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Weak Oil Prices Hit Net at Elf

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches the company. Analysts in London PARIS - Low oil prices and said they expected earnings to fall. Nor would Mr. Le Floch-Prigent depressed chemicals markets last year weighed on Elf Aquitaine's say what dividend would be recommended on 1991 earnings, after a 12.5-franc payout on 1990 profit. But he said, "It is clear that I will not reduce yield" of the stock. earnings, which fell 7.5 percent to 9.8 billion francs (\$1.8 billion), the French state-controlled oil company said on Tuesday.

Elf reported its net attributable Eff's chairman, Lotk Le Flochprofit on an estimated basis. It said Prigent, called the 1991 result "totally satisfactory" given the hostile environment, but the stock market reverme on this basis had risen 8.3 percent to 175.5 billion francs. Final figures will follow in a few weeks. Elf posted a 20 percent decline in

operating profit from oil and gas exploration and production, to 9.5 billion francs, and a 44 percent fall in operating profit from chemicals. to 3.2 billion francs.

The price of North Sea Brent crude oil averaged \$20 a barrel in 1991, nearly \$3.70 a barrel below

Bull Still Seeking Capital

PARIS - Groupe Bull's new alliance with International Business Machines Corp. will not provide all the capital the French computer maker needs, its chairman, Francis Lorentz, said Tuesday.

Mr. Lorentz said in an interview with the newspaper Les Echos that IBM's investment of around \$100 million is "not negligible, but

it is not large enough to solve our recapitalization problem."

He said Bull, which needs the new capital because of buge losses, was working with the government toward a financial restructuring that would not involve state injections of capital.

Mr. Lorentz said further job cuts would be needed at Bull, but they will be less wide-ranging than the cuts of 9,000, or 20 percent of the work force, made over the past 18 months.

Finland's GDP Declined 6.2% in '91

HELSINKI — Finland's gross domestic product fell 6.2 percent in 1991, the Central Statistical Office reported Tuesday.

The government also announced that it would decide late this month whether to apply for membership in the European Community, The fall in GDP, to 372.2 billion markie (\$84.8 billion) from 396.66 billion markka last year, at 1985 prices, was in line with economists' expectations. In 1990, GDP grew 0.4 percent.

1990, Elf said. But sales of oil and gas rose 4.3 percent in volume.

Elf also said that 1991 net profit at its cosmetics and pharmaceuticals subsidiary, Elf-Sanofi, would be more than 10 percent above the 1990 figure of 853 million francs.

Mr. Le Floch-Prigent, calling 1991 "a year of consolidation," said Elf had nonetheless achieved an increase of 35 percent in invest-ments, to 42.5 billion francs, and a 14 percent increase in reserves, to 475 million tons of oil equivalent.

The investments included 16.3 billion francs on acquisitions, such as the Norwegian oil and gas firm Noco A/S, the British North Sea interests of Occidental Petroleum Corp. and a 30.6 percent interest in Spanish gasoline retailer CEPSA. Elf said its ratio of net debt to equity was 30 percent at the end of 1991, up from 18.9 a year earlier.

The government, which owns 53.9 percent of Elf, postponed the sale late last year of 2.3 percent of Elf's capital because of poor market conditions. No new date was set.

Elf has been trading around 8.33 times 1990 earnings, compared with 12.35 for the CAC 40 index, 9.46 for Total SA and 9.11 for British Petrolearn Co. Mr. Le Floch-Prigent said Elf shares were undervalued.

But Jeremy Hudson, analyst at Lehman Brothers International in London, said he was cautious on the stock. He noted that refining and marketing income for 1991 was "inexplicably high" and be predicted ed earnings "will be down quite ignificantly in 1992."

Elf said net operating income for ance maker, reported Tuesday that preliminary group profit plunged 27.3 percent in 1991 because of lower refining and marketing rose to 4.6 billion francs, including a 1.1 billion franc capital gain.

Philip Morgan, analyst at Paribas Capital Markets in London, said Elf's stock "is likely to slip" because investors "haven't fully taken on board just how bad the operating environment is for 1992." (Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP, AFX)

Mövenpick Sees Writeoffs and Sales of Outlets

ZURICH - The restaurant and hotel group Mövenpick Holding saying it was moving to rectify years of bad management, announced plans Tuesday to sell some restaurants and write off bad investments.

Mövenpick's founder, Uli Prager, sold his controlling stake in December to Bavarian beer and banking banya August von Finck after disagreements with the group's operational management.

In a letter to shareholders, Mövenpick said "a failure to make and implement decisions" had "unsettled" man-

Mövenpick said it expected to incur extraordinary expenses of 10 million Swiss francs (57 million) and faced making pro-visions of 15 million to 20 milbon francs for a new hotel complex in Geneva.

The group said it would close several restaurants in Switzerland and make writeoffs on investments in its other main

STOCKHOLM - Electrolux AB, the borne appli-

The company left its proposed dividend unchanged

though, despite predictions by share analysts that it

Electrolux said preliminary group profit after net financial items fell to 1.025 billion kronor (\$175.8

million) last year from 1,409 billion kronor in 1990.

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The profit figures, in line with market expectations,

EC Court Rejects Order On Repaying Rover Aid

LUXEMBOURG - The Euro- of £44.4 million to the state. pean Court of Justice on Tuesday quashed an EC Commission order should have instituted proceedings that British Aerospace PLC repay the British government £44.4 mil-lion (\$80 million) it received in subsidies when it bought Rover Group

The court ruled that British Aerospace did not have to repay the funds on the grounds that the Commission had ignored correct procedure in an inquiry before it declared the cash to be illegal state aid in June 1990.

The Commission ordered the reprompted by a political scandal that erupted in Britain when it was discovered that British Aerospace had received £39 million more in state aid than the government had at first admitted.

The government sold Rover for £150 million to British Aerospace in 1988 after a cash injection of £547 million to cover debts and support the automaker's investment program.

The Commission had approved the larger injection but, after an inquiry into the so-called hidden

Electrolux Profit Plunged 27% in Year

The court said the Commission

against Britain directly under the court's interpretation of European Community law. Sir Leon Brittan, the EC commissioner who headed the highly

publicized inquiry, said the Commission would examine the ruling before deciding whether to take further action. "The Commission notes that the case was dismissed purely on procedural grounds and that the court

did not go into the substance of the payment last June after inquiries Commission's decision," he said. The Commission now has a number of options, its officials said. Apart from setting the issue aside, it could start a new inquiry or make a straight request to the court to order repayment of the aid, they

> Failure to force repayment would be an embarrassment for Sir Leon because, shortly before the Rover scandal erupted, he pushed through a ruling that France had to take back about SI billion in aid for the cormoker Renault.

included 250 million kronor in income from the sale of

Sales fell to 79.1 billion kronor from 82.43 billion.

The company said the decline in profit was a direct result of reduced demand, particularly in the U.S. and British markets. Earnings declined most in household products, business equipment and industrial products.

For the fourth quarter, profit after financial items

fell to 135 million kronor from 389 million kronor a

year earlier. Sales slipped to 19.32 billion kronor from 20.19 billion kronor. (Renters. AFX)

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• France's industrial production rose 0.9 percent in the third quarter, mainly on strength in the antomobile and household equipment sector. • The Bank of Spain left its benchmark interest rate unchanged at 12.65 percent at its tender for 10-day repurchase agreements.

Union Bank of Switzerland said it planned to take over the banking business of the troubled regional cooperative bank Ersparniskasse von. Konolingen under terms that are still under negotiation.

General Motors Corp. has sold its 51 percent stake in the spark plug-maker AC Bakony Ltd. to GM's Hungarian partner, Bakony Muvek, the Budapest daily Nepszabadsag reported.

 Perstop AB said it had acquired part of the injection-molding opera-tions of Asko-Uponor Oy at Heinola, Finland, for an undisclosed sum. and would move its production at Tampere to Heinola. • Siemens AG's Spanish subsidiary plans to invest 1 billion pesetas (\$9.8)

million) in its Cornella plant near Barcelona to adapt the factory to make cooling fans for car motors.

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SONS: Russia's New Generation of Economic Reformers Gets a Scolding

(Continued from first finance page) privatization," said Andrei Fedorov, a senior adviser to the Russian vice president, Alexander V.

Rutskoi, who is a key opponent of the economic program. Now the government has nothing in its pocket and is counting desperately on Western aid to bail it out."

He added: "This is a government of theoreticians. They are nice guys, but they've never worked in Mr. Rutskoi, who did not attend

the forum, was quoted by Mr. Goldman as saying that the Yeltsin government was being run "by young guys in short pink pants."

In Moscow on Monday, Mr. Gaidar, architect of the economic program, defended the price hike as unavoidable. He said critics had not given the one-month-old program enough time to work.

"The first two years are the most difficult ones," he said at a press conference. "It is regrettably impossible over a few months to build plants that compete with monopolies. And until there is a market, everybody is a monopoly.

But time may be what Russia's government is lacking most.

Mr. Goldman said: "The advisers say to just be patient and, as in Poland, you will soon see a supply response evident in the shops. But ing to develop."

Russia isn't Poland. The paradox is that they tried to do too much too fast and yet didn't take the time to announce the whole plan at the In an interview bere, Anders As-

hind, a Swedish economist who along with Jeffrey D. Sachs of Harvard is a key Western adviser to Mr. Yeltsin, strongly defended the economic plan. "The argument that Russia

should've waited to liberalize prices s nonsense," Mr. Ashund said. The monopolies have to be broken up. The only way to do that is

Grigori Yavlinsky, the economic reformer whose proposal served as the basis for last year's widely trumpeted but now outdated "Grand Bargain" of Western aid for Mr. Gorbachev, was relatively restrained in his criticism despite being largely shut out of the Yelisin-

"I don't see how they can hold it together," he said. "We have the biggest number of presidents you can imagine and they are all trying to run their own budget. That makes it very very difficult to implement any economic program." to focus a strong public force He was referring to the presidents against them. That's what is startof the republics in the Commonwealth of Independent States.

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TOKYO — Japanese companies expect their investment in plant and equipment will be 2.8 percent lower in the April-June quarter than a year earlier, the first forecast drop in five years, the Economic ning Agency said Tuesday.

The predicted decline, which resulted from a survey of more than 4,400 blue-chip companies, follows an expected 2.2 percent advance in the January-March quarter, the

The forecast for a decline in investment was the first since April-June 1987, when companies surveved predicted a 0.3 percent dip, an agency official said. Actual investment in the 1987 quarter increased by 1.2 percent.

The last quarter with an actual investment decline was October-December 1986, when investment fell by 3.0 percent.

Investment by manufacturers was projected to remain unchanged in the January-March quarter, but to fall 5.9 percent in April-June.

the January-March quarter and fall 0.8 percent in the following quarter. Among industries expecting ma-

for declines were automakers, electrical, general machinery and foodstuffs, the official said. Separately, Labor Minister Tet-suo Kondo said Japan would fail to meet its target of reducing work hours to 1,800 a year in the 1992

fiscal year, which starts April 1. Working hours in fiscal 1990 were 2,044 hours, which is over 200 hours longer than the target," Mr. Kondo told a budget committee of

the House of Representatives. Mr. Kondo said his ministry would study ways to find out the real work hours of Japanese, which are believed to be much longer. His remarks coincided with re-

lease of a survey by Recruit Re-search Co. that found that one in every four Japanese workers was not paid for overtime work in full.
The real working hours for 1990
may have totaled 2,365 hours for

male workers," the survey said.

Tokyo Currency Futures Seen in Need of a Boost

TOKYO — Dollar/yen futures trading has grown sluggishly on the Tokyo International Financial Putures Exchange since the exchange overhauled its trading system in October, and market participants say more measures will be needed to increase liquidity.

"We have been trading dollar/yen currency futures almost because the TIFFE asked us," said a manager at a Japanese city bank, "not because

"If the TIFFE really wants to promote futures trading, it will have to offer more incentives.

Last October, the exchange extended market-making in dollar/yen to five hours a day from 90 minutes in an effort to stimulate trading. The volume of trading in dollar/yen was 9,265 contracts in January, up slightly from 9,098 in September.

Open interest on dollar/yen futures has risen more sharply, to 5,422 contracts at the end of January from 326 at the end of September and 2,100 at the end of August. Open interest in September was unusually low because traders tend to close positions each quarter as contracts expire.

Despite the growth in volume and open interest, dealers said the market still lacked enough liquidity to compete with similar contracts in Singapore and Chicago. They said 24-hour trading was needed to help TIFFE's contract continue to grow.

But the exchange is not about to amounce any new incentives. "We think the currency futures have been performing pretty well, and so we are not planning to take any more measures just now," said an official at the exchange.

Nommanufacturers forecast investment would grow 3.7 percent in

BEIJING - The Communist Party chairman, Jiang Zemin, added his voice to calls for faster economic change in China on Tuesday but stressed that socialism should not be abandoned

"No matter what changes have taken place in the international situation, we must concentrate our energy on doing our work at home he said at a Lunar New Year celebration sponsored by the State

Council and the Communist Party. China, Mr. Jiang said, should "speed up the pace of reform and our opening up to the outside world."

But he added that China must adhere to its socialist path, regardless of what other countries do. Mr. Jiang's remarks were quoted by the official Xinhua news agency. They followed a warning to the Communist establishment late last mouth by Deng Xiaoping China's senior leader, that 'whoever re-fuses to reform will have to leave the stage." Mr. Deng, in his strongest statement in years in support of economic change, also urged managers to take the best from cap-

The call to accelerate steps toward freer markets was a departure from the previous official line. which espoused "deepening" of reform - a code word that signified Beijing's indecision on how to pro-

Economie liberalization was launched under Mr. Deng's leadership in the late 1970s. However, an austerity program begun in 1988 in the face of double-digit inflation demonstrated the dominance of conservative economic planners and resulted in a slowing of economic change.

Beijing authorities were stunned at the swift collapse of Commu-nism in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe and have vowed that China will not follow suit.

The government began in the

Nissan Hears U.S. Parts Plea

Mr. Harker said.

TOKYO — U.S. auto parts suppliers meeting with Nissan Motor Co. officials here a month after President George Bush's visit to spur U.S. exports said Tuesday that American pressure was a plus in opening Japanese markets.

Setting targets for the purchase of U.S.-made car parts was a "step in the right direction," according to Roger Harker, general manager for international calculations. al sales and marketing at Timken Co.

Mr. Harker was among 140 executives from 50 U.S. car parts suppliers who attended a meeting with officials of Nissan aimed at developing closer ties with the second-largest Japanese car company. A centerpiece of Mr. Bush's much-criticized trip was the inclusion in a U.S. Japan agreement of plans by Japanese carmakers to increase their purchases of U.S. made car parts to \$19 billion in 1994-1995 from about \$9 billion pow.

Cars and car parts account for about threequarters of Japan's nearly \$40 billion annual trade surplus with the United States.

Mr. Harker and executives from two other U.S. suppliers said that the key to selling to Japanese carmakers here and in the United States was a long-term commitment and a willingness to invest.

Agence France-Presse

SYDNEY - Nissan Motor Co.'s decision to

close its cormaking plant in Australia has given the

remaining players their best opportunity to build a more viable local industry, officials said Tuesday. Bill Scales, chairman of the Automotive Indus-

try Authority, said Nissan's move to shut down its

plant near Melbourne had provided a "jumping off

point for the Australian industry to really make the

Nissan's operations in Australia have been in

the red for several years. The other local producers

are General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co., Mit-

While union leaders said up to 4,000 jobs could be affected throughout the industry by the Nissan

move, Industry Minister John Botton said the business was healthier than it had been in recent times.

"It's part of the plan to reduce the number of

manufacturers in Australia from five, which we

once had, to three," he said. "That has been suc-

cessfully accomplished now in the sense that Gen-

subishi Motors Corp. and Toyota Motor Corp.

most of its new economies of scale."

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There has to be a long-term commitment to

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But the U.S. executives also said that opening

"I think there are a number of obstacles," said

Donald Miller, president of Gates Rubber Co.
He added that "obviously there are relation-

ships" between many suppliers and carmakers that

Kenichi Idoji, manager of area planning in Nis-

san's international purchasing division, said that cost was a major obstacle to boosting Japanese

purchases of U.S.-made car parts, a point echoed by Mr. Miller.

Mr. Miller said that American companies were

"inherently very expensive in the overhead area."
The president of Nissan, Yntaka Kume, was reluctant to predict how much of the \$19 billion target would ultimately be met by purchases from U.S. Japan joint ventures or from Japanese-owned

developing a long-term partnership in the market,"

level of service in all respects," he added, as well as

an absolute dedication to quality.

the Japanese market was difficult.

are "long and in many cases financial."

eral Motors and Toyota are collaborating, and Mitsubishi and Ford are the other manufacturers." Mr. Scales said: "We would expect the three remaining groups to make the best of this, and in my position I will be making sure they understand what this means."

He said the Automotive Industry Authority would hold talks with the remaining carmakers to discuss the future shape of the industry, in particular to emphasize the need to expand car and component exports.

Mr. Button said the closure of Nissan's carmaking operations was consistent with government policy. He said the timing of Nissan's decision, in a period of high unemployment, was unfortunate, but that he believed Australia would now have a better car industry.

Nissan blamed the closure in part on the Australian government's decision last year to cut tariffs on imported cars from 37.5 percent to 15 percent by the year 2000.

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"Unless the consortium gets a

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they are going to hang on," a West-

Work on the project was due to begin in March or April with the

first of four units in the 1,292 megawatt thermal power plant

coming on stream in three years.

The Pakistan government, which

came to power promising to insti-nute strict Islamic law, has been caught in a bind by the Shariat Court's decision three months ago

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Pakistan already has some forms

of Islamic banking, but the court

gave the government until June to

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Investor's Asia

Asian Development Bank lending and investments rose 25 percent to \$5 billion in 1991, with loans to governments increasing 23 percent to \$4.79

Garuda Indonesian Alrways is reviewing contracts to lease 34 aircraft from Boeing Co., McDonnell Douglas Corp. and Airbus Industrie and may opt instead for outright purchases, an airline spokesman said.

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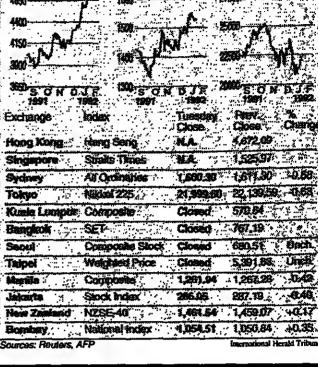
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the deputy commissioner.

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Vincent Is Facing a Tough Lineup

By Claire Smith New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Flurries have continued without letup through Fay Vincent's tenure as the commissioner of major league baseball, ranging from debates and decisions on whether to resume the 1989 World Series after an earthquake to whether to ban the New York Yan-

kees' owner, George Steinbrenner. But never has Vincent faced a week like this one, in which he returns from a 10-day vacation to confront the dramas of the potential sale of the Seattle Mariners to Japanese interests, of the Yankees and Steinhrenner and Daniel Mc-Carthy, and of baseball's never-

ending economic angst. Many of his fellow players on baseball's turbulent stage see the days upcoming as important, sensitive and crucial for Vincent and the

"I think it's all piling up at once. Maybe that's the reason Fay took a vacation, to get prepared for it," Haywood Sullivan, general partner of the Boston Red Sox, said wryly.

"There's a lot going on — Seat-tle, some other difficult issues, not all of them visible," Vincent said. "It's a full-time job, But I have no complaints, I think that it's just more difficult and intense than even I thought.'

On Tuesday. Vincent would make his first official appearance since Jan. 23 — when, in response to reports that a group primarily financed by Nintendo of Japan wanted to purchase the Seattle Mariners, he restated what he said was major league policy against selling franchises to offshore inter-

Vincent was to meet late Tuesday with the governor of Washing-ton, the mayor of Seattle and Pacific Northwest civic and business leaders intent on keeping the Mariners in Seattle.

Certain to be addressed was the group's concern about a baseball policy that could harpoon the one offer put forth that could prevent the flight of the Mariners to Flori-

On Wednesday, Vincent is to meet with the owners' executive committee, an advisory group. "Economic issues are a top priority," said Bud Selig, president of the Milwaukee Brewers and a member of both the ownership and the executive committees. "But Seattle will be discussed, too.'

On Thursday, Vincent will settle back into an issue that rivets New

THINKING OF HOME: William

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Reviewed by Jonathan Yardley

A This death three decades ago, William Faulkner left a great hig barrel,

and the academics have been scraping

away at it ever since. Now, with the publication of "Thinking of Home: Wil-

liam Faulkner's Letters to His Mother

and Father, 1918-1925," it can be report-

ed with considerable if not absolute con-

To be sure, a handful of the 150 letters

herein contain itsy-bitsy flashes of Faulk-

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tion it is rewarding to read, in his own

words, about Faulkner's first literary suc-

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Yorkers as he meets with McCar-thy, the man trying to secure, from Walter Haas — respectively, the to he 100 percent popular. On this the commissioner and the owners, owners of the Baltimore Orioles approval of his appointment as the and Oakland Athletics - "owners

Yankees' general partner. Then, later Thursday, it's on to national business, who had internathe ownership committee and back tional dealings, to look at it. to the Seattle situation.

Seattle will dominate as the ownowners from each league, wrestles with what is now a formal bid of \$100 million put on the table by Nintendo and its Seattle partners.

"No prior transfer that I can think of has attracted so much attention," said Jerry Reinsdorf, owner of the Chicago White Sox and a member of the committee.

Why? The Seattle issue comes with lots of baggage, from charges of xenophobia to not-so-subtle threats that baseball could risk losing its federal antitrust exemptions if it causes the Mariners to seek buyers in other states.

"Seattle has been a very difficult

issue for the better part of a year, but now it's interlaced with the international issue," Vincent said.

"I wanted the ownership to have

who knew something about inter-

a clear point of view. And they did ership committee, which consists of develop a clear point of view, which the two league presidents and four was that they didn't want any participation outside of North America. That was their point of view and it still is as far as I know."

Could Vincent have reacted differently?

He could have vetoed the bid, remained silent or thanked the Japanese for their interest. He said, however, that the whole issue would have to be more thoroughly discussed by the owners.

and I believe he got out in front too fast," said a lawyer familiar with Vincent and baseball operations. Vincent said he didn't have second thoughts, "I don't think that

"What he said was a reaction,

mean, when the question

you can manage these things," he

tendo of America, has lived in Scatthe for 15 years and is trying to become the first Mariners' owner who also holds a Washington state driver's license).

Also, baseball's antitrust exemption is being called into question, as to he 100 percent popular. On this is usually the case when the sport issue, I think it was a no-win proposition for baseball. We were going crosses swords with politicians.

As Vincent knows, there are home-state politicians of national having what he considered a conranking in the mix, notably Senator Slade Gorton, a Republican, and sensus. His statement set off a con-Thomas S. Foley, the Democratic troversy in which baseball has been speaker of the House. Vincent must also determine

whether the owners' views are difgrowing anti-Japan sentiment in ferent from those previously indi-"I guess the timing couldn't have been worse, but I really don't know cated. And the silence from that group has been all but deafening. "I think that once Fay came out if the response could have been different," said Steve Greenberg, with his statement, a lot of owners his debut on said, 'I don't have to say anything,' "Fay was not stating his personal the lawyer added. "Then, once they view, but that of ownership based saw the flack start to develop, they

on where the owners were the last chose not to say anything. "I have my own views, but it's time they looked at the issue in the our position to let Fred Kuhlmann. Dealing in the abstract is history chairman of the ownership commitnow, in light of the fact that Nintee, speak for us," said an American tendo is willing to guarantee 60 percent of the \$100 million bid. League owner, referring to the president of the St. Louis Cardinals. Now not only must baseball deal Kuhlmann will say only that his

committee will convene soon, and he promises to reveal only the final tions of offshore interests (Minoru decision on Seattle, not the commit-"I saw it coming. That's why comes up, there is a policy, there is Arakawa, the president of Nin- tee's policies on offshore interests.

Cantona: On Tour, or Detour? International Herald Tribune ONDON — Like the Sand

Cantona is hard to pin down. A month ago he was gone, a volatile artiste of soccer declaring himself retired at the age of 25.

A week ago, he came back. Back to Sheffield Wednesday across the water in England. He practiced, he talked and, by the weekend, he had gone. We were told the homing instinct was calling him to Provence, to his wife, his son, his dogs and his remote artist's studio.

And now? The elusive fellow is back again. Back this time with Leeds United, another prominent English team. The latest bulletin is that Cantona's skills are wowing Leeds' hard working players in training

well, he will make Rob Hughes 🗪

If anything epitomized the whinsical business of soccer trading, this is it. Cantona is indecision made flesh; a performer born of a Marseille psychiatric nurse, and an individual so rich from a few years' work he can change his mind and his career's path five times a day as the mood pleases him.

Saturday.

To a degree, bravo Eric. Soccer is over full of journeymen who run, jump and change clubs to order. When this column in December implored Cantona not to waste his prime years. I little expected to see him in England, ruled as it is by the robotic tendencies he deplores.
We sure can do with the unpredictable, the sudden

rapier inspiration for which Cantona, remarkable in a man of 6 feet, 1 inch (1.85 meters), is renowned. Leeds needs his surprise because it is basically a solid, stuhborn team seeking to outlast Manchester United's greater flair in the English league championship.

Cantona might gel with wee Gordon Strachan, a Scotsman built like a jockey and with endless cheek in his play. They might rejuvenate one another, Strachan, 35, still loves the game like a child and will be thrilled to float around such a fine big, imaginative center-formed. They could make a school of the strain ward. They could create together, exchanging intuitive passes that no language barrier known to man can deny.

I wish we could be certain this will sustain Cantona — that he will not, if the play gets bogged down into English physical slog, simply walk off the field and again out of soccer.

He cut a strange figure when he met the British press at Leeds. In France, media meetings are a more civilized affair, usually with a chair and a cafe at least. Leeds was a stand-up affair, and he will learn to be grateful even for that when he discovers other English stadiums where the hacks are obliged to gather their quotes on the hoof in windswept corridors,

PUBLIC RELATIONS in the old country is still an infant sport. And interviewing the French enfant terrible was, on both parts, an enigmatic affair.

Cantona stood tall, square shouldered, either amused or bemused when his new team manager. Howard Wilkinson, acted as interpreter. Not a lot of English managers can do this, but Wilkinson's schoolboy French survived a one hour tête à tête with a lot of hand and eye gestures.

"The eyes always tell the story," professed Wilkinson. "Eric is keen to come here, especially as he remembers as a boy watching Leeds United play Bayern Munich in the European Cup final in Paris." No one asked if Cantona remembered that Leeds lost, or that Leeds' hooligans (now apparently tamed)

A more pressing question was how the French goalscorer became detoured to Leeds, a short drive from Sheffield, when France's own informed media was saying the brief affair in England was over: It was too cold, too industrial, too far from Provence.

"I heard a whisper that everything was not kosher at [Sheffield] Wednesday," said Wilkinson.

A whispering agent, no doubt. Cantona had trained four days in Sheffield, but on plastic. The grass was frozen and Wednesday's young manager, Trevor Francis, reasonably suggested that the Francisman stay another week so that his form could be assessed on turf. "Non." said the Frenchman's connections. "Eric is

a big star in France, it would demean him to spend another week without a decision." So Francis, the one Englishman with sufficient international nous to tempt the Pimpernel, wished him well on his travels. Hours later, Cantona was driven to meet Wilkinson.

His version of the Sheffield breakdown was that Wednesday had not respected the agreement made in Wilkinson, a thorough man who had never before

signed a player he had not seen perform, studied video tapes, phoned the French national coach, Gerard Houllier, and Glenn Hoddle, an Englishman who played for Monaco. Their glowing tributes were topped by those of

Michel Platini, the French team manager, who a week earlier had persuaded Francis that Cantona was comparable to Marco Van Basten. Platini called Wilkinson to reassure him on what a quality purchase Cantona

Expected D LATINI HAS a vested interest. His national team Motontinut is more potent with Cantona aboard, and if Englishmen are prepared to pay to remotivate the goalscorer then France might profit twice over.
First, on Feb. 19, Cantona could play against Eng-

mi Friday land in Wemhley. And come June, the two nations oppose one another in the European Championship. See what good neighbors we are? But cluh soccer is Wilkinson's priority and he is

rubbing his hands at getting a major talent on the cheap — Leeds pays Nimes £100,000 for the loan of Cantona for three months, and £850,000 if in April Cantona and Wilkinson consummate a permanent Language will be less decisive than Wilkinson's

appetite for Freud. By reading psychology, he may get on Big Eric's wavelength. Better still, he might look at the canvas; when his brushstrokes are black and violent, Cantona once said, his soul is in torment. Right now, his landscapes are serene. He will need

Isabelle, his wife, and 3-year-old son, Raphael. And, long term, someone will have to broach the quarantine problem that separates England from France. A sleek Doberman and a devoted Alsatian are seldom far from Cantona's feet, or his peace of mind, To the new media pack at his heels, Cantona has

managed two words in English: "Little problem." He minimized the record of misbehaviour that threatened to scuttle his playing days. Little problems fester and grow in far off places, but

when told that Wilkinson was a noted disciplinarian. Cantona smiled his enigmatic smile and said; "No problem for me. I want to be the first at the training ground. First to work, and first home? Sooner or later time

Rob Hughes is on the staff of the Sunday Times.

Syracuse Kisses Off Connecticut | Jordan's Errors To Take Over Lead in Big East

BOOKS

Mike Hopkins wasn't fazed by Connecticut's as it van its home winning streak to 20.

The Orangemen trailed by 64-55 with 10:21 gibes, but be couldn't say the same about a kiss on the cheek from his Syracuse teammate, Law-

Moten accomplished what the Huskies couldn't, but not before Hopkins sank a tiebreaking free throw with three seconds left to

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

give the No. 13 Orangemen an 84-83 homecourt Big East victory over 10th-ranked Connecticut on Monday night.

Then Moten kissed me and it changed everything," said Hopkins, whose second foul shot hit nothing by air. "I just hope my mother

"I didn't even realize I did it," Moten said. "Tin just so intense. He made the first shot and I felt so good for him. He deserves it. He does so much for us that doesn't show up on the stat sheet. He's our workhorse."

Syracuse (16-3 overall, 8-3 conference) rallied from nine points down and overcame a 28for-71 shooting performance to take first place in the Big East from the Huskies (16-3, 7-3), who lost a second consecutive game.

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eye for some scrambled eggs and toast and Kraft cheese and jelly and fried

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like it in "Thinking of Home" - not

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because when Faulkner was 20 years old or thereabouts, that's the sort of thing he had on his mind: Food, clothes, money, weather, health — the usual preoccupa-

tions of a young person away from home, matters of passionate interest to that

person but not, perhaps, to thee and me.

chicken and peaches."

BUCHANAN'S EVEN MOVING IN ON YOUR IMMIGRATION ISSUE! HE'S NOW APPOCATING THE

Edited by James G. Watson. 253 ate all the big pieces, then took the

second half and collected 14 offensive rebounds

to play before reeling off an 11-1 run for their first lead since the game's opening basket. The contest see-sawed until Connecticut went on a

seven-point surge to take the lead, 83-79. Dave Johnson, who led the winners with 26 points, made it 83-81 before Moten, who had 23 points, scored on a lay-up with 1:01 left after stealing the ball from Chris Smith, who scored

17 of his 25 points in the final 13½ minutes. No. 3 Kansas 80, Kansas State 58: In Lawrence, Kansas, Eric Pauley scored a career-high 17 points as Kansas routed Kansas State to take

first place on the all-time Big Eight victory list.
The triumph was the Jayhawks' 18th in the last 22 games against Kansas State (11-7, 1-4) and gave Kansas (17-1, 5-0) a 50-game lead in the 85-year series. Since the Big Eight was created in 1958, Kansas has a 297-170 conference mark to Kansas State's 296-171.

Wake Forest 69, No. 14 Tulane 66: Rodney Rogers scored 2I points in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, as Wake Forest overcame 22 turnovers and poor foul shooting to npend Tulane. The Deacons (12-6) held the Green Wave (16-2) to its lowest score of the season, Syracuse committed only one turnover in the nearly 23 points under its 88.8-point average.

Orleans, under the wing of Sherwood An-

derson and his wife, Elizabeth; that fall be

All of these ventures were important,

in different ways, to Faulkner's literary

beginnings, but none of them inspired

him to correspondence rising much

above the routine. It is charming that he

loved his mother and father, but most

children do; his first view of the sea

enchanted him, hut most people have the same response; New York both fascinat-

made his first trip to Europe

Triply Painful

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah --- In what was

arguably the best National Basketball Association game so far this season, the Chicago Bulls locked horns with the Utah Jazz in a triple-overtime marathon that ended with the ejection of the league's best player, Michael Jeff Malone made three free throws with a

half-second left in the third extra period Monday night to give the Jazz a 126-123 victory. Malone was awarded two free throws when be was fouled by Jordan as he drove down the lane, then got a third free throw when Jordan was called for a technical foul for arguing with referee Tommie Wood. It was the first triple-overtime contest in the NBA this year, and the longest game in

Jazz history. Jordan's bad night actually began earlier, when he had two chances to end the game, once in regulation and once in the second

He missed a 20-foot (6-meter) shot with one second left in the fourth quarter, then with 30 seconds to go in the second overtime missed two free throws that would have given Chicago a five-point lead.

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The New York Times
This list is based on reports from more than 2,000 bookstores throughout the United States, Weeks on list are not peresserily consecutive.

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interest many other readers is, if not in

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UH-OH, by Robert Fulgham
THE WORLD IS MY HOME, by
James A Michener
MOLLY IVINS CANT SAY
THAT, CAN SHE? by Molly Ivins
BROTHER EAGLE, SISTER
SKY: A MESSAGE FROM
CHIEF SEATTLE, illustrated by
Susan Jeffers

CHIEF SEATURES
Susan Jeffers
12 PARLIAMENT OF WHORES, by
P. J. O'Rourke
13 IRON JOHN, by Robert Bly
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15 UNDER FIRE, by Oliver L. North
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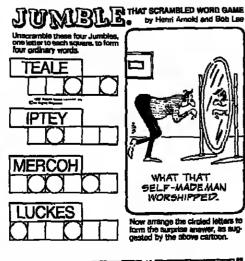
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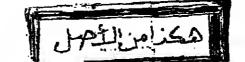
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1.350 square kilometers) of countryside at once. These are the 16th Winter Games since they ith sufficient international and served, wished him well on his later. began in 1924 and the fifth in the general area, although the first to embrace so many mountains, valleys, goats, sheep and anakey roads. Sixteen days of compention will be sprinkled among 10 towns and villages of the French Savoie south and east of Albertville, the nominal center of things if only for its size. It's the closest thing to a metropolis in the region, with about 20,000 citizens.

thorough man who had never be thorough man war and more to be had not seen perform, smilely national crack c But not only ambition and geography set these Olympics apart from predecessors. The political landscape has also changed since the cozier 15th Games in Calgary, Alberta. ag tributes were topped by the the French team manager, who have the French team manager, who have the Cantona was co. Van Basten. Platini called whe a fun what a quality purchase Cantona Ca

The Albertville Olympics will be the first major international sports event to reflect the reconfiguration of Europe following the demise of communism and resurgent nationalism. Gone are powers that dominated the medal charts for years, the Soviet Union and East

Germany, countries that used their success as political propaganda, symbolic of the trium-The Soviet Union, which disappeared this

winter, began competing in the Winter Olympics in 1956 and won more medals than any other country in every year but two, 1968 and 1980. East Germany, a nation of 16 million absorbed into West Germany two years ago, never ranked lower than second in golds or total medals since 1972. At Calgary, the Soviet Union and East Germany were one-two, with 20 of the 46 gold medals available.

For all practical matters, Yugoslavia is gone, too, at least as a viable Olympic competitor. While it remains an entry, Yugoslavia's best athletes, the bulk of them Alpine skiers, were

Now independent after a wrenching civil war Yugoslavia, Slovenia and Croatia gained provisional recognition from the International Olympic Committee last month.

Whether these changes mean more medals for the United States is unclear. Probably not.

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Any victory by a Unified Team athlete would be celebrated by the Olympic anthem, Beetho-

ven's Ode to Joy. In the case of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, Besides, plenty of other countries with long and successful marriages to winter sports, like the Commonwealth, they are returning to the

The 16th Winter Games since they began in 1924, and the fifth in the general area, are the first to embrace so many mountains, valleys, goats, sheep and snakey roads.

Norway, Austria and Switzerland, could move

As the Soviet Union splintered and then declared itself out of existence, its athletes were freed to represent their own republics.

For these Games, those from Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, representative of the new Commonwealth of Independent States, will compete together as something called the Unified Team and march into the opening ceremonies behind the Inter-

Olympics as individual teams for the first time in 56 years.

When East and West Germany were swent together by the recent democracy movements throughout Eastern Europe, so were their Olympic programs, ostensibly, though, without a critical element of East Germany's success all those years, performance-enhancing drugs.

The larger portion of the German team, about two-thirds, consists of former West German athletes, but only because a third of the

difficult for athletes to excel in Alpine events; hockey, like all team sports, was too expensive and produced only one medal.

Anyway, it appears to be a good mix, in that nearly all the nordic skiers, bobsledders and lugers are former East Germans.

Together, the Germans should finish behind the United Team in total medals, followed by any of several European countries, then the United States, which has its usual team: strong in speed skating and figure skating, weak in

Watch for improvements by Canada (5 med-als in 1988), Norway (5), China (0) and the host country, France (1). Switzerland (15) might be down. Austria (10), too.

in Calgary, more than 1,700 athletes from 57 countries participated, which were record num-bers. This time, at least 65 countries and territories have signed up to compete in 55 events, another record.

The program includes several new medal sports: mogul skiing, short track speed skating Several athletes who became famous in Cal-

gary or beyond now figure to approach legend status in Albertville, among them Alpine spestatus in Alberto Tomba of Italy, Marc Girardelli of Luxembourg. Petra Kronberger of Austria and Vreni Schneider of Switzerland; figure skaters Midori Ito of Japan and Kurt Browning of Canada, Japan 20 Japan and Kurt Browning of Canada, Japan 20 Japan and Kurt Browning of Canada, Japan 20 J Canada; Johann Olav Koss, the Norwegian speed skater, and Elena Vialbe, a biathlon competitor from Siberia who could emerge as the Games's most prolific performer with five medals.

The party also includes athletes from those winter-sports hotbeds of Mexico, Jamaica, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Essentially, what that means is that the Jamaican bobsledders, no longer the oddity they

were in 1988, will have to lower the price of the sweatshirts bearing their likeness.

In the final analysis, though, the biggest winner of the Games is likely to be France, even if gold cludes such home-country favorites as Carole Merle and Franck Piccard in skiing or Paul and Isabelle Duchesnay in ice dancing.

The preparations have survived aluggish construction throughout the region, ammonia leaks along the bobsled course, cost overruns and avalanches as recently as December. So there's plenty to celebrate, and in this case, plenty of

Snowfall Is Expected b. 19, Cantona could play against they. And come June, the two netsers in the European Change To Continue **Until Friday**

LA LECHERE, France - A winter storm Tuesday dropped a heavy new blanket of snow on the vast mountain region that will host the Olympics, snarling traffic and ing some minor accidents just four days before the Games are set to begin, and leaving everyone to wonder what will happen if it snows again.

The storm, which began overnight in the mountains and stretched into the afternoon in the lower elevations, dropped as much as 12 inches (about 30 centimeters) of snow and was the area's first significant snowfall since Dec. 23, when a major storm triggered an avalanche and blocked roads leading to Olympic venues.

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organizing committee. More snow was expected Wednesday through Friday, said a weather service spokesman, per-haps as much as 20 inches in all. The weather is supposed to clear summy in time for the opening ceremonies Saturday, afternoon.

"To COJO, the two most important things are the opening ceremo- no significant problems on the nies and the downhill," said press attache Claudie Blanc. "This is like



A worker shoveled off a ski area at Val d'Isère as the snow continued falling Tuesday. As much as 50 centimeters was forecast.

a test. After this, everything else is

She discounted the notion that the huge Olympic area was having trouble coping with the snow. "We were going to have bad weather anyway," she said. "It's good to have it now. The region's

nalists who traveled there reported -CHRISTINE BRENNAN

pic officials, ski students and local workers were pressed into service against the snow at venues throughout the Savoie region.
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crived the heaviest snowfall. "If it Denis Capdegelle. continues like this, we could face some problems."

> door Olympic speed skating track, bel - where the women's events hampering the training plans of begin Feb. 12 - received a four-

The Norwegian ski-jumping

team got in its scheduled training Lower down the Alps, in Albert- session in Courchevel before the ville, heavy rain drenched the out- snow became too deep, and Meriinch dusting of snow. Most of the Officials said skaters from Ro- women skiers aren't due in town

"It's no problem for motorists. since it's so light, and it's quite Training runs for the luge were picturesque," said Gilles Burel, "At the moment we have no real held up by the snow at La Plagne, who runs a small crepe stand in problems, but 50 centimeters [20] where they were expecting more Meribei. "It's pretty here when it inches] of snow in 48 hours is quite than a foot of snow. "We'll have snows."

(AP, Reuters)

Samaranch: 'Possibility' Of Multicountry Games

By Christine Brennan

Antonio Samaranch, president of formance-enhancing drugs and the International Olympic Com- would be experimental and volunthe International Olympic Committee, said Tuesday that there is a "possibility" that future Olympic Games will be held in more than one country

As the IOC and some national Olympic committees tried to figure out what, if anything, is happening with the controversial experimentation with blood testing, Samar- and didn't believe it would happen. anch opened the general session of the IOC in Courchevel with an optimistic, upbear appraisal of the mer vice president of the organiza-

He said the IOC is "envisioning" holding the Games "in several regions or even in more than one country, but with one city given off on the legal things." Pound said overall responsibility for the prooverall responsibility for the pro-

Said Samaranch, "This would help to lighten the hurden of organizing events requiring very heavy infrastructures in difficult climatic

of the Savoie region that are hosting the Games "have served us well whole Tarentaise valley behind it, municating," the IOC knew what it was letting for. After entrusting the organizatime to try to return to the very

heart of nature."

IOC said Monday could be used at Luck Runs Out for Luck One of Germany's top biathlon skiers, Frank Luck, has been laid low with mumps and will miss the Winter Olympics in Albertville, the national ski federation announced tary, said Prince Alexandre de Merode, chairman of the IOC med-Tuesday in Erfurt, Germany,

Agence France-Presse reported. Luck was a member of the silver medalist team at last year's biath-lon world championships.

■ China Reporter Appalled China's official news agency launched a broadside Tuesday at organizers of the Games in Albertville, Agence France-Presse reported from Beijing.
The Xinhua news agency's corre-

pondent, Zhang Tingquan, com-lained that foreign reporters were being forced to pay high prices and work in appalling conditions.

"Compared with the two previous Winter Games in Sarajevo and Calgary, Albertville is the most undesirable site for Olympic Winter Games," he wrote,

■ Bush Names Delegation

President George Bush's daugh-er, Dorothy LeBlond, will head the U.S. delegation at the opening ceremonies in Albertville, The Associated Press reported from Washing-

The White House said that Bush had also named his sister, Nancy Ellis, the husband-and-wife movie stare Melanic Griffith and Don Johnson, and business executive Osborne Day to the delegation.

Vice President Dan Quayle and his wife, Marilyn, are also planning to attend Saturday's ceremonies. The Quayles will be on a weeklong trip to eight European countries, including the Baltic states.

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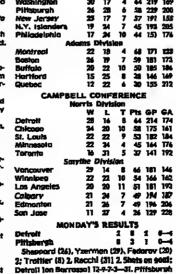
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SIDELINES Premier League Gains Compromise

LONDON (AFP) - English soccer officials thrashed out a compromise arrangement Tuesday under which the new Premier League will have 22 teams until the end of the 1994-95 season.

Then it will be reduced to 20 clubs, with four being demoted and only The compromise was reached by representatives of the rival English Football League, the Football Association and the Premier League. The

executives of group will now have to approve the compromise.

French Seek to Mute English Fans

PARIS (AFP) - French officials intend to break up England's rughy supporters into small groups to stop them from cheering on their team at the Five Nations match here Feb. 15,

The new president of the French Rugby Federation, Bernard Lapasset, referring to England's quarterfinal victory in the World Cup, said Tuesday that "I never want to hear the chant of 'England, England'

He said that "I have a plan to silence the English choirs: I am going to split them up into small groups" and spread them about the stadium. He added that he had also invited two brass bands from the southwest, the beartland of French rugby, to the match to help drown out English

For the Record

Bjorn Borg, the five-time Wimbledon champion who failed in a comeback last year, is to play in the Nice men's tennis tournament in April, organizers said Tuesday.

The U.S. World Cup organization said Tuesday it will announce the host cities for the 1994 competition on March 23, and said that only eight sites may be chosen.

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 Andre Agassi, in a somewhat garbled promise to play every Grand Slam tennis tournament from now on: "I just want to do what I've been doing, and that is have a determination and a fire to win that I've never

• Dennis Erickson, the University of Miami coach, on football fans: "A typical fan is a guy who sits on the 40, criticizes the coaches and the players and has all the answers. Then he leaves the stadium and can't find

these Winter Games. The tests are LA LECHERE, France - Juan designed to detect the use of per-

> After de Merode announced that the controversial tests might be used at these Games, the IOC vice president, Kevan Gosper of Australia, said he had not heard of that But Richard Pound of Canada, an influential IOC member and for-

tion, said he "presumed the test

was ready to be tried on a voluntary "The executive board has signed one is against it. I have to wonder why people would criticize it. Anything we can do with no medical

risk to improve drug testing, we should do." and geological conditions."

The U.S. Olympic Committee's executive director, Harvey Schiller, and the nine other mountain towns said he was trying to find out if blood testing will be initiated here.
"I don't know what the IOC is

by opening up new possibilities. In choosing the Savoic town and the not done a very good job of com-Although the USOC has no offiitself — and the organizers — in cial position on blood testing, some of its members have come out against the tests, calling

bke Sarajevo and Calgary, it was invasive procedure. Urinalysis presently is the only drug-testing system used by the IOC, although Meanwhile, confusion reigned the International Ski Federation over the subject of blood testing, has tested cross-country skiers for which the top medical officer of the blood doping by blood testing.

Condoms For the 'Family'

Organizers of the Games are promoting safe sex by distributing 36,000 condoms to the "big Olympic family," The Associated Press

Beginning Saturday, officials will provide condoms to the Games' 1,800 athletes free of charge. But Olympic officials, volunteer workers, journalists and others accredited for the Games must pay 10 francs (about \$2) a pack.

Free condoms also were distributed to athletes at the 1988 Winter

Games in Calgary.
"It is a tradition of the Olympic
Games that the host country offers
condoms to athletes," said Dominique Montpied, the chief pharmacist for hygiene and doping con-

■ Bonaly to Give the Oath

Surya Bonaly, France's 18-yearold European women's figure skating champion, has been picked to read the Olympic oath on behalf of all 1,800 athletes at Saturday's opening of the Games, The Associ-

ated Press reported. She was selected by Jean-Claude Killy, co-president of the Albertville Olympic Organizing Commit-

A leading candidate to light the Olympic flame during the ceremony is French skier Nathalie Bouvier, whose hopes to compete in these Winter Games were dashed by in-

Bouvier, second in the women's downhill at last year's World Ski Championships, broke both her legs in a spill in Japan last March.



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OBSERVER And Now to Sleep

By Russell Baker NEW YORK — The tipoff came when the Bush people said the speech would be a "defining moment." That was what they had called the Gulf War this time last year - a "defining moment" -and now they were recycling it to

hallyhoo a speech. They didn't even have any new phrases, for Pete's sake. How could they possibly have a new idea? Applying "defining moment" to that perennial brain-glazer, the State of the Union speech, should have told us how things stood: to wit, that this outfit is so sure it's home safe for another four years that it doesn't even feel the need for fresh bluster, much less a fresh thought.

As if to flaunt his contentment with last year's crowd-grabbers, the president addressed the economic recession with the same chilling words he used after Saddam Hussein seized Kuwait: "This will not

What does this mean? That the recession is going to get Schwarz-kopfed unless it comes to its senses and clears out of America pronto? Of course not, It means, "Prosperity is just around the corner."

This seems to be the Republican belief. It rests on faith that low interest rates will work restorative magic in time to assure the usual Republican presidential victory. While waiting for Mr. Prosperity the masses can presumably be calmed with the action-packed oratory of yesteryear.
"This will not stand."

Republican calmness about the recession owes a lot, too, to the Democratic Party, as it is still called out of ancient custom and utter disregard for fact. Bush and Friends now seem to believe the Democrats as usual will come along quietly and not raise a fuss when the campaign starts.

If the election is the usual Republican cinch, the president can stay relaxed about the recession, as a good hard-money Republican ought to, instead of falling for cockamamie quick-fix schemes now being urged by big-government hotheads.

Hence: "This will not stand." Or, in the less dynamic Hoover idiom, "Prosperity is just around the cor-

What was well defined by Bush's

possibility that the Democrats can threaten his re-election. The con-

tempt seems thoroughly justified. Democratic presidential campaigns in modern times invariably become catastrophes sooner or later. This year's went catastrophic earlier than sooner.

What fun imagining the cackling with which the Republican Party is watching the Clinton story unfold. It wasn't bad enough that the press's anointed Democratic frontrunner had Gennifer Flowers to deal with. Not bad enough that this

associated him with the kind of newsmakers who see Elvis and No, that wasn't bad enough, so on television his wife, Hillary, managed to offend Tammy Wynette,

the favorite country singer of many a music-loving American whose vote the Democrats would love to have, including white Southern males. It was almost as though Roger Ailes had already started his devilish work, but it still wasn't bad

So Gennifer Flowers, who had been taping her phone chats with the governor, produced a tape to outrage Mario Cuomo: a piece of chitchat with Gennifer saying she "wouldn't be surprised if he didn't have some Mafioso connection" and Governor Bill saying, "Well, he acts like one."

"An offense to Italian-Americans and it's an offense to every other ethnic group," said Cuomo. Clinton's phone apology to Cuomo only emphasized how bad things could get when Cuomo said Clinton

should save himself his quarter." Roger Ailes won't really take advantage of all this when the time comes to carve up the Democrats for Bush, will he? Say you won't, Roger, so we can see how fast the Republicans will hire somebody

Still, it could be even worse. And it is even worse. The Gennifer-Bill-Tammy-Hillary-Mario farrago has the press so mesmerized (see this column) that it never gets around to mentioning the other Democrats in the running, some of whom even look competent.

No wonder George Bush can't be panicked into giving the recession the Schwarzkopf treatment. Prosperity is just around the corner.

New York Times Service

Saint Laurent's Lyric Night at the Opera

By Suzy Menkes International Herald Tribune

DARIS - An ovation of cheers and tears greeted Yves Saint Laurent as he walked shyly forward from the vast depths of an ink-black stage. His guard of honor for his 30th anniversary celebration was 100 models wearing dresses he had designed over three decades.

"They are all my children - all different ages and characters," said Saint Laurent. "I felt quite nervous and intimidated before I walked out. But then I saw the dresses -all my memories, all my past. I have given so much love to every one of them."

The dresses had rolled across the stage of the Opera Bastille: first a swell of 11 coal-black tuxedos; then a great wave of bright satins, followed by a thin current of dresses in sweet pastels; the wing-shouldered jacket that had been made for Diana Vreeland; a splash of patterned Russian peasant skirts; cascades of shimmering molten gold; the sculpted silhouettes of Braque's birds; five capes turning to show their fantastically embroidered backs; a pure white dress fluttering like a Picasso dove; and then, finally, le maître himself stepping forward to stem the tide.

"I've cried so much my mascara must be down to my knees," said Nan Kempner, in a pine-green velvet coat over a green, burnt-orange and purple dress. "Yves and I go back a long way — to 1958, and a dress he made me at Dior."

"We first met during his 1940s-look collection" in 1971. said Paloma Picasso, in a vermilion satin YSL dress slashed open at the waist. "It was the meeting of two extremely shy people who understood each other through the language of fashion, rather than words."

When Saint Laurent spoke to the 2,800 people in the audience, almost all of whom work for the company, his voice was shy, awkward, twisted with emotion.

"I want to give you my love," said the 56 year-old continuer. "Because my life has been dedicated to love and my collections express my love for women."

A very different, young Yves Saint Laurent, at the outset of his career, spoke forcefully on screen in the film that opened the evening of celebration, arranged by Saint Laurent's partner, Pierre Bergé, Saint Laurent talked about his desire to reflect his times, his canni with the bourgeoisie and his belief in fashion based on the structure of a woman's body. On film, too, was the 1962 collection -a parade of simple dresses traced below mushroom hats and upswept chignons, as he projected ladylike 1950s fashions into the new decade. There, too, was his mannequin Victoire, who, 30 years later, sat in the audience in a whisper of shocking pink chiffon skirt and emhroidered jacket from last Wednesday's countre collection.

was overwhelmed with emotion - I shed tears," she said. "It was not just fashion history but our youth which went by on that film."

It was an evening full of emotion, from the bell-like voice of Katia Ricciarelli in concert, to the moment at midnight when Saint Laurent and Berge, with Catherine Deneuve and Zizi Jeanmaire, cut the giant heart-shaped cake oozing dark chocolate, at the after-show dinner.

"I think it is so wonderful that every last button-maker is here - we wanted it to be a family affair," said Loulou de la Falaise, who was wearing a Chinese pagoda of a jacket with skinny scarlet satin pants. Deneuve sat beside Yves in a sea-green sequined jacket over a lagoon-blue

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All you need is love: Pierre Bergé, Catherine Deneuve, Saint Laurent and Zizi Jeanmaire cutting the cake.

dress; Rudolf Nureyev was wrapped in a Slavic shawl; Inès de la Fressange in her husband Luigi's tuxedo and chandelier earrings; Betty Catroux in Saint Laurent's totem hlack pants suit, tipped with sable. In spite of the vivid fuchsia and kingfisher satin, hlack

dresses stole the show on stage, especially the wicked wisp of transparent chiffon with ostrich feathers at the hips that had expressed the spirit of the permissive society and the sexual revolution back in 1968.

"Oh the black — it all looked so wonderful," said Jacqueline de Ribes, who was wearing a scoop-front tuxedo suit of her own design with diamond feather pins.

"And the brown," said Marie-Hélène de Rothschild, in a hlack lace YSL jacket and pants. She was referring to a trio of hrown chiffon dresses wafting down the runway on a hot African wind from Saint Laurent's native Algeria.

"I saw a lot of my dresses walking by there," said São Schlumberger, resplendent in an orange and turquoise satin skirt under an inky velvet bodice, the dress dating from the Picasso inspirations of 1979.

The mix of outfits on stage from 30 years of ebullient creativity underlined the extraordinary and timeless ele-

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gance of Saint Laurent - based on perfect technique, sureness of taste and tenderness toward women. Although the show was entirely evening clothes, many in the audience - like Danielle Mitterrand, President François Mitterrand's wife, in a quiet gray suit - were wearing Saint Laurent's signature and equally timeless tailored suits.
"I remember the first day," said Berge in his opening

address. "After a long night, we were anxious, anguished. trembling. Yet suddenly it was clear that Yves was walk-

ing toward glory."

Offstage, Berge, who built an international empire round the fragile, tortured creator, said that he himself had not suffered any doubt or anguish in the 30 years. 'Yves's talent gave me the wings to fly," he said.

On the film, in response to a question, Saint Laurent spoke of "solitude" as his abiding terror — Deneuve said she found this to be the most moving and telling moment. At one in the morning, the last guests were descending the marble stairs. The dresses - his children - had been packed off home, but Saint Laurent was not alone. He was hand-in-hand with Deneuve in the bosom of his fashion

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Michael Jackson's Goal: 'Heal the World,' Merely

Michael Jackson is hitting the road this summer and aims to gross \$100 million by Christmas of 1993 - an 18-month world tour to raise money for his new foundation. Heal the World. Pepsi-Cola, whose soft drinks Jackson promotes, is sponsoring the tour. Jackson said in New York that his sole reason for the lengthy tour was to "spread the message of global love." Asked how much money Jackson would get in the deal, Pepsi's marketing vice president, Peter Kendall, said only: "A lot."

Nelson Mandela clasped hands with South Africa's president, Frederik W. de Klerk, as they jointly accepted a peace prize. Mandela, the leader of the African National Congress, said South Africa could have a multiracial interim government within six months. Each reocived \$74,000 as co-winner of the peace prize named after Felix Houphonet-Boigny, the Ivory Coast president. The prize was awarded at Unesco headquarters in Paris by the former American secretary of state, Henry A. Kissinger, who was president of the jury that chose the vinners

The American Civil War novel "Gone With the Wind" is making lots of French lawyers rich. A court of appeal in Paris ruled Tuesday that a lower court acted wrongly when it cleared the popular French writer Régine Desforges of plagiarising from the epic book. The estate of the "Gone with the Wind" author Margaret Mitchell had sued Desforges for plagiarism in her best-seller The Blue Bicycle." In 1989 Desforges was ordered to pay the Mitchell estate 2 million francs, but an appeals court ruled in the following year that the two books were different and there was no plagiarism involved. Now the Supreme Court of Appeal has ruled that the lower tribunal had not sufficiently compared the two works. It ordered that the case be heard

Mother Teresa is in Rome, where the 81-year-old missionary, who won the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize for her work with the poor, is expected to meet Pope John Paul IL Mother Teresa is recovering from heart surgery.

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